

TASMANIAN STATISTICAL INDICATORS

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| INTRODUCTION | 1 | This publication contains latest figures for a comprehensive range of economic indicators. Statistics shown in this publication are the latest available at the date of preparation and may be subject to revision in subsequent issues. In a number of cases figures appearing in this publication are preliminary and are subject to revision in subsequent issues. Reference should therefore always be made to the latest issue or to the statistical publication on the specific subject. | |
| SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT AND TREND ESTIMATION | 2 | Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove the irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month. This means that month-to-month movements of the seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour. | |
| | 3 | The smoothing of seasonally adjusted series reduces the impact of the irregular components of the seasonally adjusted series and creates trend estimates. These trend estimates are derived by applying a 13-term Henderson-weighted moving average to all months except the last six. The last six monthly trend estimates are obtained by applying surrogates of the Henderson average to the seasonally adjusted series. Trend series are used to measure the underlying behaviour of the series over time. | |
| | 4 | While this smoothing technique enables estimates to be produced for the latest month, it does result in revisions to the most recent months as additional observations become available. Generally, subsequent revisions become smaller and after 3 months have a negligible impact on the series. Revisions also occur as a result of the annual review of seasonal factors. | |
| ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS | n.a. | not available | |
| | n.p. | not available for separate publication (but included in totals where applicable) | |
| | n.y.a. | not yet available | |
| | .. | not applicable | |
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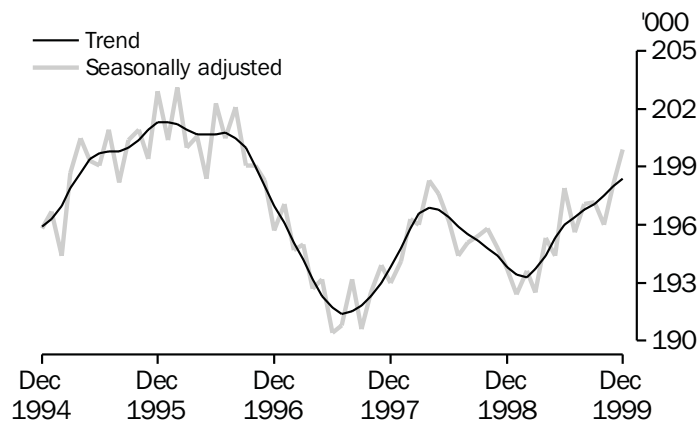
MAIN FEATURES

EMPLOYMENT

State comparisons
Trend estimates

There was an increase of 2.4% in Tasmania's employment over the 12 months to December 1999. The largest percentage increase in employment was in Western Australia (3.7%), followed by South Australia (3.0%), New South Wales (2.9%), Victoria (2.5%), and Queensland (1.9%). (See table 39.)

EMPLOYMENT, TASMANIA



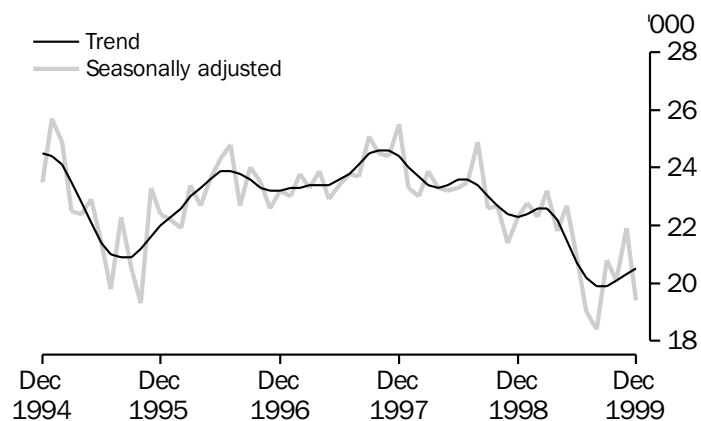
THE LABOUR FORCE

Trend estimates

There were an estimated 218,900 persons (based on *trend* estimates) in the labour force in December 1999 and an estimated 370,100 civilian Tasmanians aged 15 years or more, yielding a labour force participation rate of 59.1%. This compares with 58.4% in December 1998.

For males, the *trend* estimate of the participation rate was 68.2%, compared with 67.7% in December 1998. For females, the *trend* estimate of the participation rate was 50.5%, compared with 49.6% in December 1998. (See table 3.)

UNEMPLOYMENT, TASMANIA



UNEMPLOYMENT

Trend estimates The *trend* estimate of the number of unemployed persons in Tasmania for December 1999 was 20,500. This compares with 22,300 for December 1998. The *trend* estimate of the unemployment rate of 9.4% in December 1999 compares with 10.3% in December 1998. (See table 3.)

BUILDING MATERIALS PRICE INDEXES

The price index of materials used in house building in Hobart increased by 0.4% during the December quarter 1999, and increased by 0.2% during the year ending December 1999. Sydney recorded the highest annual increase, at 2.1%. The weighted average of the six State capital cities increased by 1.5% over the same period.

For materials used in building other than house building, the price index for Hobart decreased by 0.1% during the December quarter 1999, and decreased by 0.2% during the year ending December 1999. All other State capital cities increased, with Perth the highest increasing by 0.5%. The weighted average of the six State capital cities increased by 0.2% over both the quarter and the year ending December 1999.

Components in Hobart's price index of materials other than for house building that recorded the largest increases over the year ending December 1999 were sand and aggregate (up 9.0%), and non-ferrous pipes and fittings (up 3.6%). These rises were offset by a fall in the prices of steel decking and cladding (down 6.0%) and clay bricks (down 3.2%). (See tables 15 and 18 and ABS catalogue numbers 6407.0 and 6408.0.)

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERING

Trend estimates The *trend* estimate for Tasmania for the slaughtering of cattle and calves fell 2.5% in November 1999 from the previous month. Over the same period, the number of sheep and lambs slaughtered fell 1.1% and the number of pigs slaughtered fell by 4.2%.

The *trend* estimate of the number of cattle and calves slaughtered was 24,400 in November 1999. This was 8.8% more than the number for November 1998 and 4.9% above November 1997.

The *trend* estimate for the slaughtering of sheep and lambs was 94,700 in November 1999. This was 19.7% more than for November 1998, and 24.6% above the number for November 1997.

The *trend* estimate of 5,800 pigs slaughtered in November 1999 was 8.1% less than for November 1998, and 12.4% less than the *trend* estimate for November 1997. (See table 21)

BUILDING APPROVALS

Original terms There were 176 dwelling units approved during November 1999 in Tasmania, of which 148 were new houses and 26 were new other residential building.

The number of dwelling units approved during November 1999 was 25.7% above the October 1999 figure of 140, and 63.0% above the November 1998 figure of 108.

At current prices, the value of total building was \$23.8 million in November, with residential building contributing \$18.2 million and non-residential building \$5.6 million. (See table 27 and ABS catalogue number 8731.6)

HOUSING FINANCE

Trend estimates The *trend* estimate for the number of secured housing finance commitments entered into in Tasmania in November 1999 was 914 dwellings, higher than the previous month's 895 and the November 1998 figure of 810.

The total value of commitments in November 1999 was \$70 million, higher than the previous month's \$69 million. The November 1999 figure was higher than the November 1998 figure when the total value of commitments was \$67 million.

Nationally, the total number of secured housing commitments entered into November 1999 was 49,527, an increase from the previous month's figure of 48,359. The value of these commitments increased between October and November 1999 from \$6,580 to \$6,789.

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

Original terms There were 1,256 new motor vehicles (excluding motorcycles) registered in Tasmania during November 1999. This was 11.2% above the 1,130 registered in October 1999 and 5.1% below the November 1998 figure of 1,324. Of the new motor vehicles (excluding motorcycles) registered in November 1999 in Tasmania, 151 were vehicles registered by vehicle rental businesses, compared with 138 registered by vehicle rental businesses in October 1999 and 194 in November 1998 (See table 34.)

RETAIL

Original terms In *original* terms, the estimate of retail turnover in Australia for November 1999 was \$12,378.9 million, 8.4% above the figure recorded in November 1998. In *original* terms, the estimate of retail turnover in Tasmania for November 1999 was \$276.1 million, 4.6% above the figure recorded in November 1998.

Trend estimates In *trend* terms, the estimate of retail turnover in Australia for November 1999 was \$12,130.9 million, 7.7% above the figure recorded in November 1998. In *trend* terms, the estimate of retail turnover in Tasmania for November 1999 was \$270.5 million, 4.5% above the figure recorded in November 1998. The Tasmanian *trend* estimate continued to ease. However, the Hospitality and service group recorded strong growth. (See table 35 and ABS catalogue number 8501.0.)

OVERSEAS TRADE

The total value of Tasmania's overseas exports for the 1998-99 financial year was \$2,019 million. This contributed 2.3% to the Australian total of \$85,996 million.

The value of Tasmania's exports for the month of November 1999 was \$159 million, a decrease of 28% over the month of October. Australia's exports for November totalled \$8,481 million, an increase of 6% over the October figure.

Tasmania's major export destinations for the month of November 1999 were Japan (\$45.2m), Taiwan (\$15.6m), and Hong Kong (\$13.6m). Major commodity groups exported for the month were non-ferrous metals (\$51m), wood and woodchips (\$30.3m) and metallic ores and metal scrap (\$29.6m). For the financial year 1998-99, major commodity groups exported were non-ferrous metals (\$544.3m), wood and woodchips (\$295.9m) and metallic ores and metal scrap (\$278.0m).

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POPULATION: Original

| | <i>Estimated resident population at end of period</i> | <i>Natural increase¹</i> | <i>Net estimated migration gain</i> | <i>Total population growth</i> | <i>Annual growth rate²</i> |
|---------------------------|---|---|---|------------------------------------|---|
| <i>Year or quarter</i> | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | % |
| Year ended 30 June | | | | | |
| 1996 | 474.4 | 2.5 | -2.2 | 0.8 | 0.16 |
| 1997 | 473.5 | 2.4 | -3.4 | -1.0 | -0.20 |
| 1998 | 471.7 | 2.1 | -3.7 | -1.6 | -0.38 |
| Quarter 1997 | | | | | |
| June | 473.5 | 0.5 | -1.1 | -0.6 | -0.20 |
| September | 473.1 | 0.4 | -0.9 | -0.4 | -0.31 |
| December | 472.6 | 0.5 | -1.0 | -0.4 | -0.34 |
| 1998 | | | | | |
| March | 472.3 | 0.6 | -1.0 | -0.3 | -0.38 |
| June | 471.7 | 0.5 | -1.1 | -0.6 | -0.38 |
| September p | 471.4 | 0.5 | -0.8 | -0.3 | -0.36 |
| December p | 470.9 | 0.7 | -1.2 | -0.4 | -0.36 |
| 1999 | | | | | |
| March p | 470.5 | 0.6 | -1.0 | -0.5 | -0.39 |
| June p | 470.3 | 0.7 | -0.9 | -0.2 | -0.31 |

¹ Excess of live births registered over deaths registered (based on usual State of residence).

² Percentage growth from same quarter in previous year.

(Source: *Australian Demographic Statistics*, ABS catalogue number 3101.0)

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BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES (BY STATE OF USUAL RESIDENCE): Original

| | <i>Births</i> | | <i>Deaths</i> | | <i>Infant mortality¹</i> | | <i>Marriages</i> | |
|-------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| <i>Year or quarter</i> | No. | Rate ² | No. | Rate ³ | Deaths | Rate ⁴ | No. | Rate ⁵ |
| Year ended 31 December | | | | | | | | |
| 1996 | 6 337 | 1.854 | 3 826 | 7.0 | 28 | 4.4 | 2 654 | 5.6 |
| 1997 | 5 974 | 1.768 | 3 837 | 6.8 | 43 | 7.2 | 2 672 | 5.6 |
| 1998 | 5 909 | 1.809 | 3 557 | 6.3 | 30 | 5.1 | 2 599 | 5.5 |
| Quarter 1997 | | | | | | | | |
| June | 1 505 | .. | 988 | .. | 12 | 8.0 | 600 | .. |
| September | 1 500 | .. | 1 067 | .. | 12 | 8.0 | 554 | .. |
| December | 1 486 | .. | 939 | .. | 12 | 8.1 | 618 | .. |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | |
| March | 1 464 | .. | 839 | .. | 3 | 2.0 | 800 | .. |
| June | 1 420 | .. | 921 | .. | 11 | 7.7 | 810 | .. |
| September | 1 541 | .. | 1 029 | .. | 9 | 5.8 | 331 | .. |
| December | 1 484 | .. | 768 | .. | 7 | 4.7 | 658 | .. |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | |
| March p | 1 471 | .. | 914 | .. | 9 | 6.1 | 808 | .. |
| June p | 1 582 | .. | 909 | .. | 12 | 7.6 | 636 | .. |

¹ Deaths of children under one year of age.

² Total fertility rate. The sum of age-specific fertility rates (live births at each age of mother per female population of that age). It represents the number of children a woman would bear during her lifetime if she experienced current age-specific fertility rates at each age of her reproductive life.

³ Standardised death rate. The overall death rate, per 1,000 persons, that would have prevailed in a standard population if it had experienced at each age the death rates of the population being studied. The standard population used in these calculations is all persons in the 1991 Australian population.

⁴ Rate per 1,000 live births.

⁵ Crude marriage rate is the number of marriages registered during the calendar year, per 1,000 estimated resident population at 30 June of that year. (Source: *Australian Demographic Statistics*, ABS catalogue number 3101.0)

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LABOUR FORCE STATUS¹: Seasonally adjusted and trend

| Month | Seasonally adjusted series ² | | | | Trend series ² | | | |
|-------------|---|------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | Employed | Unemployed | Unemployment rate | Participation rate | Employed | Unemployed | Unemployment rate | Participation rate |
| | '000 | '000 | % | % | '000 | '000 | % | % |
| MALES | | | | | | | | |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | |
| December | 108.6 | 13.0 | 10.7 | 67.4 | 107.9 | 14.2 | 11.6 | 67.7 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | |
| January | 106.4 | 15.1 | 12.4 | 67.4 | 107.6 | 14.5 | 11.8 | 67.6 |
| February | 106.6 | 15.4 | 12.6 | 67.6 | 107.5 | 14.8 | 12.1 | 67.8 |
| March | 107.3 | 15.4 | 12.6 | 68.1 | 107.9 | 14.9 | 12.1 | 68.1 |
| April | 109.5 | 13.9 | 11.3 | 68.4 | 108.7 | 14.6 | 11.8 | 68.4 |
| May | 109.4 | 14.7 | 11.9 | 68.9 | 109.6 | 14.0 | 11.4 | 68.6 |
| June | 111.3 | 13.3 | 10.7 | 69.2 | 110.3 | 13.4 | 10.8 | 68.6 |
| July | 110.4 | 12.6 | 10.3 | 68.2 | 110.5 | 12.9 | 10.4 | 68.5 |
| August | 110.7 | 11.3 | 9.3 | 67.7 | 110.5 | 12.6 | 10.2 | 68.3 |
| September | 110.3 | 13.1 | 10.6 | 68.5 | 110.4 | 12.5 | 10.2 | 68.2 |
| October | 109.8 | 12.4 | 10.1 | 67.8 | 110.3 | 12.5 | 10.2 | 68.2 |
| November | 110.0 | 13.7 | 11.1 | 68.7 | 110.3 | 12.6 | 10.2 | 68.2 |
| December | 111.0 | 11.9 | 9.7 | 68.2 | 110.3 | 12.6 | 10.3 | 68.2 |
| FEMALES | | | | | | | | |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | |
| December | 85.1 | 9.3 | 9.8 | 49.8 | 85.9 | 8.1 | 8.6 | 49.6 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | |
| January | 86.0 | 7.7 | 8.2 | 49.4 | 85.8 | 8.0 | 8.5 | 49.5 |
| February | 87.0 | 6.9 | 7.4 | 49.5 | 85.8 | 7.9 | 8.4 | 49.4 |
| March | 85.2 | 7.8 | 8.4 | 49.0 | 85.8 | 7.7 | 8.3 | 49.3 |
| April | 85.8 | 7.9 | 8.4 | 49.4 | 85.7 | 7.6 | 8.1 | 49.2 |
| May | 85.0 | 8.0 | 8.6 | 49.0 | 85.7 | 7.4 | 8.0 | 49.1 |
| June | 86.6 | 7.5 | 8.0 | 49.6 | 85.7 | 7.3 | 7.9 | 49.0 |
| July | 85.3 | 6.4 | 7.0 | 48.3 | 85.9 | 7.3 | 7.8 | 49.1 |
| August | 86.4 | 7.1 | 7.6 | 49.3 | 86.2 | 7.3 | 7.8 | 49.3 |
| September | 86.9 | 7.7 | 8.1 | 49.8 | 86.7 | 7.4 | 7.9 | 49.6 |
| October | 86.2 | 7.7 | 8.2 | 49.5 | 87.2 | 7.6 | 8.0 | 49.9 |
| November | 88.1 | 8.2 | 8.5 | 50.7 | 87.7 | 7.7 | 8.1 | 50.2 |
| December | 88.9 | 7.4 | 7.7 | 50.7 | 88.1 | 7.8 | 8.2 | 50.5 |
| TOTAL | | | | | | | | |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | |
| December | 193.7 | 22.3 | 10.3 | 58.4 | 193.8 | 22.3 | 10.3 | 58.4 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | |
| January | 192.4 | 22.8 | 10.6 | 58.2 | 193.4 | 22.4 | 10.4 | 58.3 |
| February | 193.6 | 22.3 | 10.3 | 58.4 | 193.3 | 22.6 | 10.5 | 58.4 |
| March | 192.5 | 23.2 | 10.8 | 58.3 | 193.7 | 22.6 | 10.4 | 58.4 |
| April | 195.3 | 21.8 | 10.0 | 58.7 | 194.4 | 22.2 | 10.2 | 58.5 |
| May | 194.4 | 22.7 | 10.5 | 58.7 | 195.3 | 21.5 | 9.9 | 58.6 |
| June | 197.9 | 20.9 | 9.5 | 59.1 | 196.0 | 20.7 | 9.6 | 58.6 |
| July | 195.6 | 19.0 | 8.9 | 58.0 | 196.4 | 20.2 | 9.3 | 58.5 |
| August | 197.1 | 18.4 | 8.5 | 58.3 | 196.8 | 19.9 | 9.2 | 58.6 |
| September | 197.2 | 20.8 | 9.5 | 58.9 | 197.1 | 19.9 | 9.2 | 58.7 |
| October | 196.0 | 20.1 | 9.3 | 58.4 | 197.5 | 20.1 | 9.2 | 58.8 |
| November | 198.1 | 21.9 | 9.9 | 59.4 | 198.0 | 20.3 | 9.3 | 59.0 |
| December | 199.9 | 19.4 | 8.8 | 59.2 | 198.4 | 20.5 | 9.4 | 59.1 |

¹ For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Labour Force, Australia*, ABS catalogue number 6203.0.

² Seasonal factors are reviewed annually to take account of each additional year's original data. The results of the review are used to compile revised seasonally adjusted and trend estimates each February. Trend estimates for the most recent months are also revised each month; see Notes on page 2.

(Source: *Labour Force Australia*, ABS catalogue number 6203.0)

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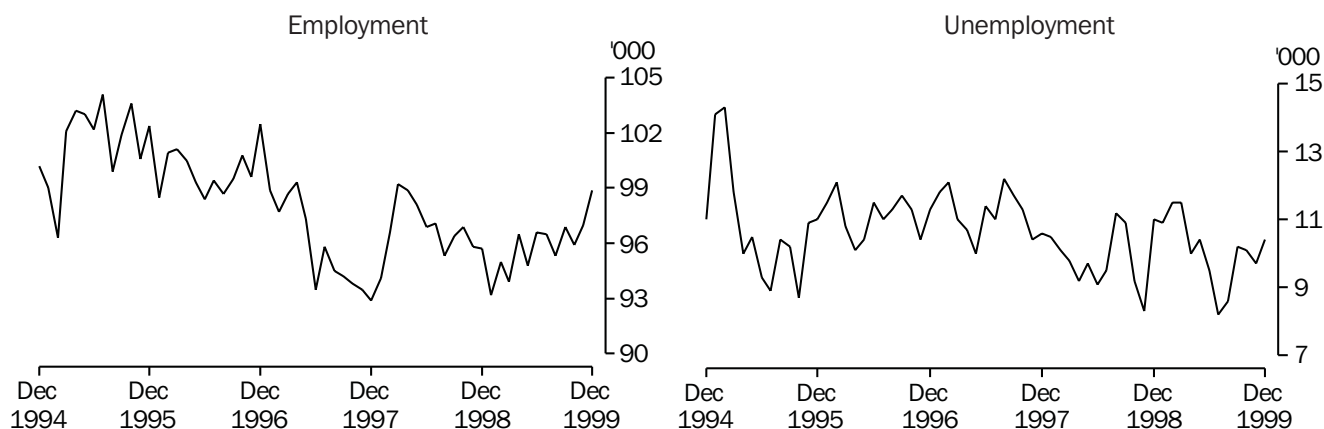
LABOUR FORCE STATUS BY REGION, MALES^{1, 2}: **Original**

| | <i>Total employed</i> | <i>Total unemployed</i> | <i>Unemployment rate</i> | <i>Participation rate</i> |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <i>Month</i> | '000 | '000 | % | % |
| HOBART AND SOUTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISIONS | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | |
| December | 56.2 | 6.9 | 10.9 | 71.2 |
| 1998 | | | | |
| December | 53.0 | 6.4 | 10.8 | 68.7 |
| 1999 | | | | |
| October | 53.4 | 5.6 | 9.5 | 66.3 |
| November | 52.8 | 5.8 | 9.9 | 66.0 |
| December | 54.1 | 6.4 | 10.6 | 68.2 |
| NORTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISION | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | |
| December | 32.4 | 4.7 | 12.5 | 73.2 |
| 1998 | | | | |
| December | 30.6 | 3.6 | 10.5 | 67.4 |
| 1999 | | | | |
| October | 31.7 | 3.1 | 8.9 | 67.7 |
| November | 31.9 | 3.0 | 8.5 | 68.6 |
| December | 32.3 | 3.2 | 9.1 | 70.0 |
| MERSEY-LYELL STATISTICAL DIVISION | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | |
| December | 24.9 | 3.8 | 13.4 | 70.3 |
| 1998 | | | | |
| December | 25.9 | 4.3 | 14.3 | 70.1 |
| 1999 | | | | |
| October | 24.1 | 3.4 | 12.4 | 69.1 |
| November | 24.5 | 4.4 | 15.2 | 71.2 |
| December | 25.6 | 3.5 | 11.9 | 71.4 |
| TASMANIA | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | |
| December | 113.5 | 15.4 | 11.9 | 71.6 |
| 1998 | | | | |
| December | 109.6 | 14.3 | 11.6 | 68.7 |
| 1999 | | | | |
| October | 109.2 | 12.1 | 10.0 | 67.3 |
| November | 109.2 | 13.1 | 10.7 | 67.9 |
| December | 111.9 | 13.1 | 10.5 | 69.4 |

¹ For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Labour Force, Australia*, ABS catalogue number 6203.0.

² Data in this table are original series, i.e. they are not part of a seasonally adjusted or a trend series. Accordingly, care should be exercised when using these data. New monthly data from each quarter (March, June, September and December) are published two months after the quarter. (Source: Labour Force Estimates—microfiche tables.)

Hobart and Southern Statistical Divisions—Persons: **Original** (see Table 6.)



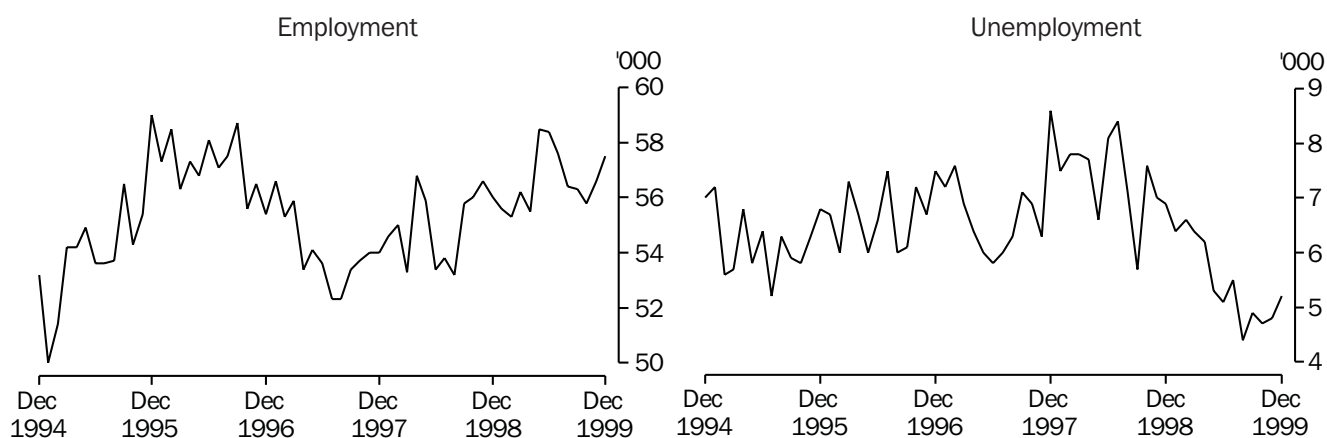
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LABOUR FORCE STATUS BY REGION, FEMALES^{1, 2}: **Original**

| | <i>Total employed</i> | <i>Total unemployed</i> | <i>Unemployment rate</i> | <i>Participation rate</i> |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <i>Month</i> | '000 | '000 | % | % |
| HOBART AND SOUTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISIONS | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | |
| December | 46.2 | 4.4 | 8.7 | 53.7 |
| 1998 | | | | |
| December | 42.6 | 4.6 | 9.7 | 51.5 |
| 1999 | | | | |
| October | 42.5 | 4.5 | 9.5 | 49.7 |
| November | 44.2 | 3.9 | 8.2 | 51.2 |
| December | 44.8 | 4.0 | 8.2 | 52.0 |
| NORTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISION | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | |
| December | 23.0 | 2.9 | 11.2 | 48.0 |
| 1998 | | | | |
| December | 25.4 | 3.3 | 11.6 | 52.5 |
| 1999 | | | | |
| October | 24.1 | 1.6 | 6.2 | 48.0 |
| November | 24.8 | 1.8 | 6.7 | 48.2 |
| December | 25.2 | 2.0 | 7.2 | 49.7 |
| MERSEY-LYELL STATISTICAL DIVISION | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | |
| December | 15.2 | 2.3 | 13.0 | 43.2 |
| 1998 | | | | |
| December | 17.8 | 2.0 | 9.9 | 45.9 |
| 1999 | | | | |
| October | 19.6 | 2.1 | 9.7 | 51.9 |
| November | 19.4 | 2.2 | 10.1 | 52.9 |
| December | 19.5 | 1.9 | 8.8 | 52.0 |
| TASMANIA | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | |
| December | 84.4 | 9.6 | 10.2 | 49.8 |
| 1998 | | | | |
| December | 85.8 | 9.8 | 10.3 | 50.5 |
| 1999 | | | | |
| October | 86.2 | 8.2 | 8.7 | 49.7 |
| November | 88.3 | 7.9 | 8.2 | 50.7 |
| December | 89.6 | 7.9 | 8.1 | 51.3 |

¹ For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Labour Force, Australia*, ABS catalogue number 6203.0.

² Data in this table are original series, i.e. they are not part of a seasonally adjusted or a trend series. Accordingly, care should be exercised when using these data. New monthly data from each quarter (March, June, September and December) are published two months after the quarter. (Source: Labour Force Estimates—microfiche tables.)

Northern Statistical Division—Persons: **Original** (see Table 6.)

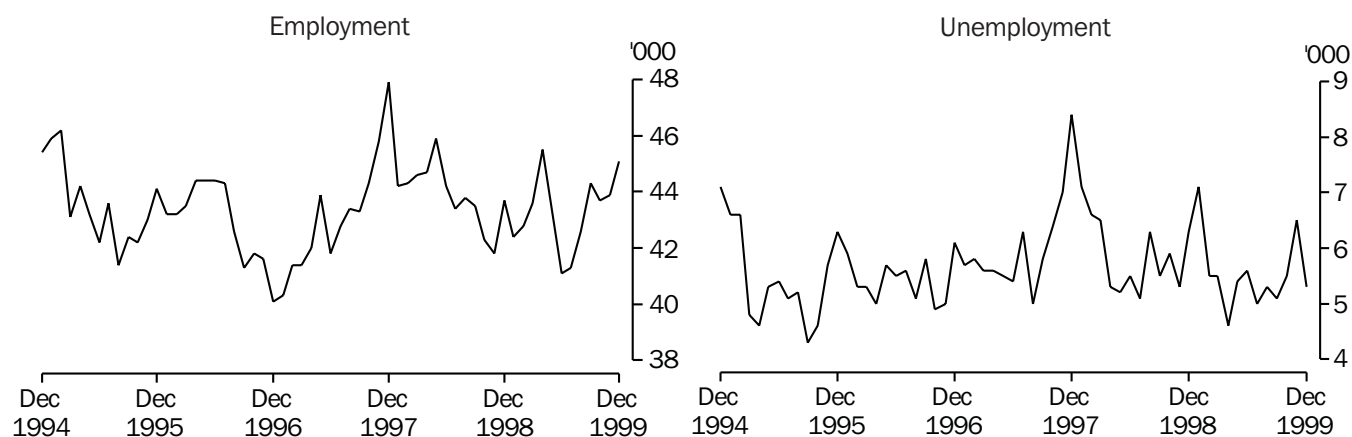
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LABOUR FORCE STATUS BY REGION, PERSONS^{1, 2}: **Original**

| <i>Month</i> | <i>Total employed</i> '000 | <i>Total unemployed</i> '000 | <i>Unemployment rate</i> % | <i>Participation rate</i> % |
|---|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| HOBART AND SOUTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISIONS | | | | |
| 1996 December | 102.5 | 11.3 | 9.9 | 62.2 |
| 1998 December | 95.7 | 11.0 | 10.3 | 59.8 |
| 1999 October | 95.9 | 10.1 | 9.5 | 57.8 |
| November | 97.0 | 9.7 | 9.1 | 58.4 |
| December | 98.9 | 10.4 | 9.6 | 59.9 |
| NORTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISION | | | | |
| 1996 December | 55.4 | 7.5 | 12.0 | 60.2 |
| 1998 December | 56.0 | 6.9 | 11.0 | 59.7 |
| 1999 October | 55.8 | 4.7 | 7.7 | 57.6 |
| November | 56.6 | 4.8 | 7.8 | 58.0 |
| December | 57.5 | 5.2 | 8.3 | 59.4 |
| MERSEY-LYELL STATISTICAL DIVISION | | | | |
| 1996 December | 40.1 | 6.1 | 13.2 | 56.8 |
| 1998 December | 43.7 | 6.3 | 12.6 | 58.0 |
| 1999 October | 43.7 | 5.5 | 11.2 | 60.3 |
| November | 43.9 | 6.5 | 13.0 | 62.0 |
| December | 45.1 | 5.3 | 10.6 | 61.6 |
| TASMANIA | | | | |
| 1996 December | 198.0 | 25.0 | 11.2 | 60.4 |
| 1998 December | 195.4 | 24.2 | 11.0 | 59.4 |
| 1999 October | 195.4 | 20.3 | 9.4 | 58.3 |
| November | 197.5 | 21.0 | 9.6 | 59.1 |
| December | 201.5 | 21.0 | 9.4 | 60.1 |

¹ For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Labour Force, Australia*, ABS catalogue number 6203.0.

² Data in this table are original series, i.e. they are not part of a seasonally adjusted or a trend series. Accordingly, care should be exercised when using these data. New monthly data from each quarter (March, June, September and December) are published two months after the quarter. (Source: Labour Force Estimates—microfiche tables.)

Mersey-Lyell Statistical Division—Persons: **Original** (see Table 6.)

| | <i>Employed</i> | | <i>Unemployed</i> | | | | | | | |
|---|------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| | <i>Full-time</i> | <i>Total</i> | <i>Looking for full-time work</i> | <i>Total</i> | <i>Labour force</i> | <i>Not in labour force</i> | <i>Civilian population aged 15–19</i> | <i>Unem- ployment rate</i> | <i>Unem- ployment population ratio</i> | <i>Partici- pation rate</i> |
| <i>Month</i> | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | % | % | % |
| ATTENDING NEITHER SCHOOL NOR A TERTIARY INSTITUTION FULL TIME | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | | |
| December | 6.5 | 9.7 | 2.9 | 3.5 | 13.2 | 2.2 | 15.5 | 26.7 | 22.8 | 85.5 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | | | |
| December | 5.3 | 8.7 | 3.4 | 3.6 | 12.3 | 2.8 | 15.1 | 29.0 | 23.6 | 81.3 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | | | |
| October | 6.6 | 8.3 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 9.6 | 1.7 | 11.3 | 14.4 | 12.3 | 85.2 |
| November | 6.2 | 7.9 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 9.3 | 2.0 | 11.3 | 15.4 | 12.7 | 82.3 |
| December | 6.1 | 9.6 | 2.8 | 3.2 | 12.9 | 2.8 | 15.7 | 25.2 | 20.7 | 82.2 |
| ATTENDING SCHOOL OR A TERTIARY INSTITUTION FULL TIME | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | | |
| December | 0.4 | 5.7 | 0.9 | 2.7 | 8.4 | 10.1 | 18.4 | 31.8 | 14.5 | 45.5 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | | | |
| December | 0.5 | 5.4 | 0.5 | 2.7 | 8.1 | 11.2 | 19.3 | 33.6 | 14.0 | 41.8 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | | | |
| October | — | 6.8 | 0.7 | 2.1 | 8.9 | 14.5 | 23.4 | 23.6 | 9.0 | 37.9 |
| November | — | 7.0 | 0.7 | 2.0 | 9.0 | 14.5 | 23.5 | 22.1 | 8.5 | 38.3 |
| December | 0.6 | 6.7 | 0.4 | 2.1 | 8.8 | 10.4 | 19.2 | 23.7 | 10.8 | 45.8 |
| TOTAL | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | | |
| December | 6.9 | 15.4 | 3.7 | 6.2 | 21.6 | 12.3 | 33.9 | 28.7 | 18.3 | 63.8 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | | | |
| December | 5.8 | 14.1 | 3.9 | 6.3 | 20.4 | 14.0 | 34.4 | 30.8 | 18.2 | 59.2 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | | | |
| October | 6.6 | 15.0 | 1.9 | 3.5 | 18.5 | 16.2 | 34.7 | 18.8 | 10.0 | 53.3 |
| November | 6.2 | 14.9 | 2.0 | 3.4 | 18.3 | 16.5 | 34.8 | 18.7 | 9.8 | 52.6 |
| December | 6.7 | 16.3 | 3.2 | 5.3 | 21.7 | 13.2 | 34.8 | 24.6 | 15.3 | 62.2 |

¹ Persons aged 15–19 years.

² For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Labour Force, Australia*, ABS catalogue number 6203.0.

³ Care should be exercised in using these series as some estimates are subject to high sampling variability.
(Source: Labour Force Estimates—unpublished data.)

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ALL EMPLOYED PERSONS BY OCCUPATION¹: Original

| Occupation | November 1998 | | November 1999 | | Proportion of total employed | |
|--|---------------|--|---------------|-------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| | Persons | | Males | Females | Persons | |
| | '000 | | '000 | '000 | '000 | |
| | | | | | % | % |
| Managers and administrators | 9.7 | | 11.1 | 2.4 | 13.6 | 5.0 |
| Generalist managers | 0.8 | | 1.6 | 0.2 | 1.8 | 0.4 |
| Specialist managers | 3.2 | | 3.5 | 0.8 | 4.3 | 1.7 |
| Farmers and farm managers | 5.7 | | 6.0 | 1.5 | 7.5 | 2.9 |
| Professionals | 30.3 | | 15.3 | 16.7 | 32.0 | 15.6 |
| Science, building and engineering professionals | 3.5 | | 3.0 | 0.3 | 3.3 | 1.8 |
| Business and information professionals | 3.8 | | 3.4 | 0.7 | 4.1 | 2.0 |
| Health professionals | 8.5 | | 2.4 | 5.5 | 7.9 | 4.4 |
| Education professionals | 8.6 | | 3.5 | 7.9 | 11.4 | 4.4 |
| Social, arts and miscellaneous professionals | 5.9 | | 3.1 | 2.2 | 5.3 | 3.0 |
| Associate professionals | 17.6 | | 11.2 | 7.0 | 18.2 | 9.1 |
| Science, engineering and related associate professionals | 3.1 | | 2.1 | 0.4 | 2.5 | 1.6 |
| Business and administration associate professionals | 3.0 | | 1.4 | 2.0 | 3.4 | 1.5 |
| Managing supervisors (sales and service) | 8.1 | | 5.8 | 3.0 | 8.8 | 4.2 |
| Other associate professionals | 3.4 | | 1.9 | 1.6 | 3.5 | 1.8 |
| Tradespersons and related workers | 26.5 | | 24.0 | 3.4 | 27.4 | 13.7 |
| Mechanical and fabrication engineering tradespersons | 5.3 | | 5.0 | — | 5.0 | 2.7 |
| Automotive tradespersons | 2.8 | | 3.3 | — | 3.3 | 1.4 |
| Electrical and electronics tradespersons | 4.2 | | 4.9 | — | 4.9 | 2.2 |
| Construction tradespersons | 6.1 | | 4.5 | — | 4.5 | 3.1 |
| Other tradespersons and related workers | 8.1 | | 6.3 | 3.4 | 9.7 | 4.2 |
| Advanced clerical and service workers | 3.8 | | 1.6 | 4.5 | 6.1 | 2.0 |
| Secretaries and personal assistants | 1.8 | | — | 2.8 | 2.8 | 0.9 |
| Other advanced clerical and service workers | 2.0 | | 1.6 | 1.8 | 3.4 | 1.0 |
| Intermediate clerical, sales and service workers | 39.1 | | 9.6 | 30.2 | 39.8 | 20.2 |
| Intermediate clerical workers | 22.2 | | 4.3 | 18.2 | 22.4 | 11.4 |
| Intermediate sales and related workers | 3.3 | | 2.3 | 0.9 | 3.2 | 1.7 |
| Intermediate service workers | 13.5 | | 3.1 | 11.0 | 14.1 | 7.0 |
| Intermediate production and transport workers | 21.2 | | 16.1 | 2.0 | 18.1 | 10.9 |
| Intermediate plant operators | 7.7 | | 5.7 | 0.1 | 5.7 | 4.0 |
| Intermediate machine operators | 2.1 | | 1.5 | 0.8 | 2.3 | 1.1 |
| Road and rail transport drivers | 6.3 | | 6.4 | 0.3 | 6.7 | 3.2 |
| Other intermediate production and transport workers | 5.1 | | 2.6 | 0.8 | 3.4 | 2.6 |
| Elementary clerical, sales and service workers | 21.6 | | 6.4 | 12.6 | 19.0 | 11.1 |
| Elementary clerks | 2.2 | | 0.5 | 0.6 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| Elementary sales workers | 17.5 | | 5.4 | 10.3 | 15.6 | 9.0 |
| Elementary service workers | 1.9 | | 0.5 | 1.8 | 2.3 | 1.0 |
| Labourers and related workers | 24.2 | | 13.7 | 9.5 | 23.2 | 12.5 |
| Cleaners | 5.3 | | 1.3 | 4.2 | 5.6 | 2.7 |
| Factory labourers | 5.7 | | 4.2 | 1.6 | 5.9 | 2.9 |
| Other labourers and related workers | 13.1 | | 8.2 | 3.6 | 11.8 | 6.8 |
| Total employed | 193.9 | | 109.2 | 88.3 | 197.5 | 100.0 |

¹ For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Labour Force, Australia*, ABS catalogue number 6203.0. (Source: Labour Force Estimates—unpublished data.)

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EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, SECTOR AND INDUSTRY¹: **Original**

| Industry | Employees, May 1999 | | | Percentage distribution | |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| | Private No. ('000) | Public No. ('000) | Private and public No. ('000) | May 1998 | May 1999 |
| Agriculture, forestry, & fishing | n.a. | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Mining | 1.2 | — | 1.2 | 0.9 | 0.7 |
| Manufacturing | 22.4 | 0.1 | 22.5 | 13.9 | 13.9 |
| Electricity, gas & water, Construction | 5.0 | 2.0 | 7.0 | 4.1 | 4.3 |
| Wholesale & Retail trade | 36.7 | — | 36.8 | 21.2 | 22.8 |
| Accommodation, cafes & restaurants | 11.2 | — | 11.3 | 6.5 | 7.0 |
| Transport & storage | 4.9 | 0.8 | 5.7 | 3.3 | 3.5 |
| Communication services | 0.3 | 1.8 | 2.1 | 1.5 | 1.3 |
| Finance, insurance, Property & business services | 13.2 | 0.8 | 14.1 | 9.9 | 8.7 |
| Education | 3.1 | 14.7 | 17.8 | 11.6 | 11.0 |
| Government administration and defence | — | 9.6 | 9.6 | 6.1 | 5.9 |
| Health and community services | 14.4 | 8.7 | 23.0 | 15.4 | 14.3 |
| Cultural, recreational, Personal and other services | 7.1 | 2.5 | 9.8 | 5.2 | 6.1 |
| Total all industries | 119.7 | 41.8 | 161.4 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

¹ For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Employed Wage and Salary Earners, Australia*, catalogue number 6248.0.
(Source: *Employed Wage and Salary Earners*, ABS catalogue number 6248.0.)

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AVERAGE HOURS WORKED: **Original**

| Month | Average weekly total hours worked, all employed persons ¹ | | |
|-------------|---|---------|---------|
| | Males | Females | Persons |
| 1998 | | | |
| August | 38.3 | 27.0 | 33.4 |
| November | 38.1 | 27.1 | 33.3 |
| 1999 | | | |
| February | 36.7 | 25.6 | 31.8 |
| May | 38.8 | 28.0 | 34.0 |
| August | 39.2 | 28.1 | 34.3 |
| November | 39.8 | 27.2 | 34.1 |

¹ For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Labour Force, Australia*, ABS catalogue number 6203.0.
(Source: *Unpublished data*.)

11 JOB VACANCIES^{1, 2}: Original

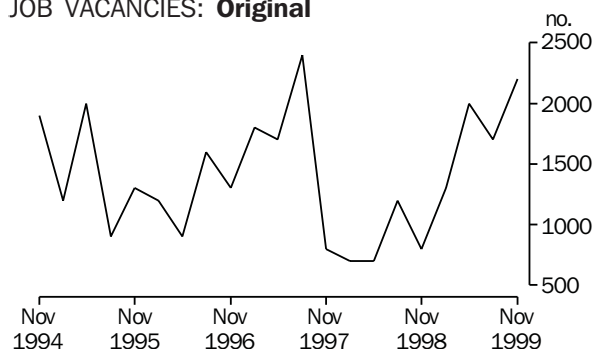
| Period | Number '000 | Rate ³ % |
|-------------|----------------|------------------------|
| 1998 | | |
| August | r 1.2 | 0.8 |
| November | r 0.8 | 0.5 |
| 1999 | | |
| February | r 1.3 | 0.8 |
| May | r 2.0 | 1.4 |
| August | r 1.7 | 1.0 |
| November | 2.2 | 1.3 |

¹ For explanation of terms and concepts refer to *Job Vacancies Australia*, catalogue number 6354.0.

² Care should be exercised in using these series as some estimates are subject to high sampling variability.

³ Job vacancies are expressed as a percentage of the number of job vacancies divided by the number of employees plus job vacancies.

JOB VACANCIES: Original



12 INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES¹: Original

| Month | Working days lost '000 | Twelve months ended | Working days lost per thousand employees no. |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| 1998 | | 1998 | |
| September | 0.3 | September | 18 |
| October | — | October | 17 |
| November | 0.3 | November | 18 |
| December | 0.2 | December | 19 |
| 1999 | | 1999 | |
| January | — | January | 19 |
| February | — | February | 19 |
| March | — | March | 19 |
| April | — | April | 16 |
| May | 0.1 | May | 15 |
| June | — | June | 14 |
| July | — | July | 14 |
| August | 0.1 | August | 6 |
| September | — | September | 5 |
| Twelve months ended 1999 | | | |
| September | 0.8 | | |

¹ For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Industrial Disputes, Australia*, ABS catalogue number 6321.0.

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AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF EMPLOYEES¹: Original and trend

| Survey reference period | Full-time adult males | | All males | Full-time adult females | | All females | Full-time adult persons | | All employees |
|-------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Weekly ordinary time earnings | Weekly total earnings | Weekly total earnings | Weekly ordinary time earnings | Weekly total earnings | Weekly total earnings | Weekly ordinary time earnings | Weekly total earnings | Weekly total earnings |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| ORIGINAL | | | | | | | | | |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 727.60 | 778.60 | 667.20 | 605.20 | 615.20 | 400.40 | 686.60 | 723.90 | 533.60 |
| August | 732.50 | 769.30 | 652.20 | 613.40 | 626.20 | 418.90 | 692.00 | 720.60 | 536.10 |
| November | 738.50 | 783.70 | 672.90 | 621.30 | 637.00 | 407.70 | 699.30 | 734.70 | 537.00 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 747.40 | 803.10 | 696.30 | 619.90 | 632.20 | 422.50 | 705.10 | 746.40 | 560.50 |
| May | 731.90 | 771.20 | 657.80 | 613.70 | 625.30 | 421.00 | 692.00 | 722.00 | 539.60 |
| August | 749.70 | 778.50 | 660.50 | 619.10 | 629.90 | 420.70 | 703.60 | 726.10 | 537.60 |
| TREND ² | | | | | | | | | |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | | |
| May | 733.80 | 774.90 | 663.60 | 608.10 | 620.50 | 405.60 | 691.30 | 722.70 | 534.10 |
| August | 735.00 | 780.30 | 668.40 | 615.70 | 628.90 | 410.90 | 695.20 | 729.60 | 538.90 |
| November | 736.60 | 784.50 | 673.00 | 617.80 | 631.20 | 414.80 | 697.00 | 733.40 | 543.30 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | | |
| February | 739.30 | 785.60 | 673.50 | 617.10 | 630.10 | 417.70 | 698.00 | 733.30 | 545.20 |
| May | 742.80 | 783.70 | 670.90 | 618.00 | 630.10 | 421.10 | 700.20 | 731.40 | 545.30 |
| August | 747.80 | 780.70 | 667.60 | 620.90 | 632.40 | 424.70 | 704.40 | 729.50 | 544.20 |

¹ For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia*, ABS catalogue number 6302.0.

² ABS Trend estimates for the most recent months are revised, see Notes on page 2.

(Source: *Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia*, ABS catalogue number 6302.0.)

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INDEXES OF TOTAL HOURLY RATES OF PAY (EXCLUDING BONUSES)¹: Original

(Base of each index: September Quarter 1997 = 100.0)

| Industry ² or occupation | Index numbers | | | | % change | | |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | | | | | Dec Qtr '98 to Mar Qtr '99 | Mar Qtr '99 to Jun Qtr '99 | Jun Qtr '99 to Sep Qtr '99 |
| | Dec Qtr 1998 | Mar Qtr 1999 | Jun Qtr 1999 | Sep Qtr 1999 | | | |
| SELECTED INDUSTRIES | | | | | | | |
| Manufacturing | 102.5 | 104.7 | 104.8 | 105.2 | 2.1 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| Retail trade | 103.1 | 103.7 | 104.1 | 105.1 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 1.0 |
| Transport & storage | 103.7 | 104.9 | 105.4 | 107.2 | 1.2 | 0.5 | 1.7 |
| Finance & insurance | 102.9 | 103.3 | n.a. | n.a. | 0.4 | n.a. | n.a. |
| Government admin. & defence | 102.1 | 102.7 | 103.2 | 104.4 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 1.2 |
| Education | 105.2 | 105.5 | 105.7 | 107.9 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 2.1 |
| Health and community services | 101.4 | 102.6 | 103.2 | 103.8 | 1.2 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| All industries³ | 102.4 | 102.9 | 103.9 | 105.5 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 0.9 |
| OCCUPATION | | | | | | | |
| Professionals | 103.9 | 104.7 | 105.1 | 106.5 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 1.3 |
| Associate professionals | 103.4 | 104.3 | 104.9 | 105.5 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| Tradespersons & related workers | 102.5 | 104.0 | 104.3 | 105.0 | 1.5 | 0.3 | 0.7 |
| Intermediate clerical, sales & service workers | 102.7 | 103.7 | 103.9 | 105.1 | 1.0 | 0.2 | 1.2 |
| Intermediate production & transport workers | 102.8 | 104.3 | 105.0 | 105.4 | 1.5 | 0.7 | 0.4 |
| Elementary clerical, sales & service workers | 103.8 | 105.0 | 105.2 | 107.5 | 1.2 | 0.2 | 2.2 |
| Labourers & related workers | 101.7 | 103.2 | 103.6 | 104.4 | 1.5 | 0.4 | 0.8 |
| All occupations | 102.4 | 102.9 | 103.9 | 105.5 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 0.9 |

¹ These indexes are a measure of quarterly changes in wage and salary costs for employee jobs. They were compiled for the first time for the December quarter 1997. They are one of four sets of indexes that together comprise the Wage Cost Index.

For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Wage Cost Index, Australia*, ABS catalogue number 6345.0.

² Industry is shown at the ANZSIC division level for selected divisions.

³ Excludes Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing.

(Source: ABS unpublished data.)

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SUMMARY OF ANNUAL MOVEMENTS IN WAGES AND PRICES¹: **Original**

| Period | CPI. All groups Hobart | Price index of materials used in house building. All groups, Hobart ² | Price index of materials used in building other than house building. All groups, Hobart ² | Average weekly total earnings, full-time adult employees ³ |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|--|--|---|
| PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR | | | | |
| 1996–97 | 1.5 | –0.5 | 1.0 | 4.6 |
| 1997–98 | –0.1 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 5.1 |
| 1998–99 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 2.4 |
| 1997 | | | | |
| December | –0.1 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 4.6 |
| 1998 | | | | |
| March | –0.3 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 4.3 |
| June | 0.6 | 1.6 | 1.2 | 4.9 |
| September | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 3.3 |
| December | 1.2 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 3.3 |
| 1999 | | | | |
| March | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 3.4 |
| June | 0.4 | –0.1 | 0.2 | –0.3 |
| September | 0.4 | –0.3 | 0.1 | 0.8 |
| December | 1.1 | 0.2 | –0.2 | n.y.a. |

¹ Weekly award rates of pay collection has been discontinued from June 1997.

² Only quarterly data collected from June 1997. Earlier data has been re-compiled from monthly to quarterly.

³ March, June, September and December data relates to February, May, August and November survey dates as published in 6302.0.

(Sources: Consumer Price Index, ABS catalogue number 6401.0; Price Index of Materials Used in House Building, ABS catalogue number 6408.0, (quarterly from June 1997); Price Index of Materials Used in Other than House Building, ABS catalogue number 6407.0, (quarterly from June 1997); Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia, ABS catalogue number 6302.0)

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HOUSE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS¹, HOBART: **Original** (Base of each Index: 1989–90 = 100.0)

| | Established house price index | | Project home price index | |
|-------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| | Index | % change ² | Index | % change ² |
| 1996–97 | 128.5 | –1.0 | 123.3 | –0.1 |
| 1997–98 | 125.4 | –2.4 | 123.3 | — |
| 1998–99 | 123.2 | –1.8 | 123.3 | — |
| 1997 | | | | |
| September | 123.5 | –1.1 | 123.3 | — |
| December | 123.9 | 0.3 | 123.3 | — |
| 1998 | | | | |
| March | 129.5 | 4.5 | 123.3 | — |
| June | 124.8 | –3.6 | 123.3 | — |
| September | 123.8 | –0.8 | 123.3 | — |
| December | 121.7 | –1.7 | 123.3 | — |
| 1999 | | | | |
| March | 123.7 | 1.6 | 123.3 | — |
| June | 123.6 | –0.1 | 123.3 | — |
| September | 125.3 | 1.4 | 124.0 | 0.6 |

¹ Used in calculating the mortgage interest charges component of the Consumer Price Index.

² Percentage change over previous period.

(Source: House Price Indexes: Eight Capital Cities, ABS catalogue number 6416.0)

| Period | <i>Hobart</i> | | | | | |
|-------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|--|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| | <i>Food</i> | <i>Clothing</i> | <i>Housing</i> | <i>Household equipment and operation</i> | <i>Transportation</i> | <i>Alcohol and tobacco</i> |
| 1996 | | | | | | |
| September | 120.0 | 105.9 | 107.4 | 119.1 | 119.7 | 153.7 |
| December | 120.6 | 105.6 | 104.8 | 119.4 | 121.8 | 152.7 |
| 1997 | | | | | | |
| March | 120.7 | 105.7 | 101.9 | 120.1 | 122.8 | 153.1 |
| June | 121.0 | 105.3 | 98.4 | 120.1 | 121.7 | 153.5 |
| September | 121.0 | 104.8 | 97.7 | 119.7 | 122.2 | 153.6 |
| December | 121.7 | 106.0 | 95.5 | 119.7 | 122.1 | 155.6 |
| 1998 | | | | | | |
| March | 121.7 | 105.5 | 95.3 | 119.4 | 121.7 | 158.0 |
| June | 122.3 | 105.3 | 95.5 | 119.5 | 120.5 | 160.2 |
| September | 124.7 | 105.1 | 95.6 | 120.4 | 120.4 | 159.6 |
| December | 125.0 | 105.7 | 95.4 | 120.8 | 118.6 | 159.1 |
| 1999 | | | | | | |
| March | 125.5 | 104.7 | 95.8 | 119.5 | 118.4 | 161.5 |
| June | 126.8 | 104.6 | 95.9 | 119.4 | 120.4 | 160.0 |
| September | 126.3 | 104.5 | 96.9 | 119.3 | 123.1 | 158.1 |

| Period | <i>Hobart</i> | | | | <i>Weighted average of eight capital cities</i> | |
|-------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--|---|--------------------------------------|
| | <i>Health and personal care</i> | <i>Recreation and education</i> | <i>Index, all groups</i> | <i>% change over previous period, all groups</i> | <i>Index</i> | <i>% change over previous period</i> |
| 1996 | | | | | | |
| September | 154.1 | 115.1 | 121.1 | 0.4 | 120.1 | 0.3 |
| December | 154.8 | 116.8 | 121.3 | 0.2 | 120.3 | 0.2 |
| 1997 | | | | | | |
| March | 159.4 | 120.5 | 121.9 | 0.5 | 120.5 | 0.2 |
| June | 162.6 | 119.2 | 121.3 | −0.5 | 120.2 | −0.2 |
| September | 153.0 | 119.2 | 120.6 | −0.6 | 119.7 | −0.4 |
| December | 160.9 | 120.6 | 121.2 | 0.5 | 120.0 | 0.3 |
| 1998 | | | | | | |
| March | 162.7 | 121.7 | 121.5 | 0.2 | 120.3 | 0.3 |
| June | 166.1 | 122.6 | 122.0 | 0.4 | 121.0 | 0.6 |
| September | 171.5 | 122.5 | 122.8 | 0.7 | 121.3 | 0.2 |
| December | 169.5 | 124.2 | 122.7 | −0.1 | 121.9 | 0.5 |
| 1999 | | | | | | |
| March | 154.4 | 125.2 | 122.1 | −0.5 | 121.8 | −0.1 |
| June | 154.9 | 124.9 | 122.5 | 0.3 | 122.3 | 0.4 |
| September | 160.7 | 125.6 | 123.3 | 0.7 | 123.4 | 0.9 |

¹ Further information on construction of CPI indexes is contained in the bulletin *The Australian Consumer Price Index Concepts, Sources and Methods* (Catalogue No. 6461.0).

² The CPI is now published on a reference base of 1989–90 = 100.0.
(Source: *Consumer Price Index*, ABS catalogue number 6401.0.)

| <i>Index numbers for selected major building materials</i> | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <i>Period</i> | <i>Structural timber</i> | <i>Clay bricks</i> | <i>Ready mixed concrete</i> | <i>Precast concrete products</i> | <i>Steel decking, cladding etc.</i> | <i>Structural steel</i> |
| 1996–97 | 110.3 | 125.3 | 116.2 | 132.2 | 115.0 | 126.2 |
| 1997–98 | 108.9 | 129.0 | 118.0 | 131.5 | 117.8 | 127.2 |
| 1998–99 | 109.1 | 130.8 | 119.5 | 131.6 | 110.8 | 128.0 |
| 1997 | | | | | | |
| December | 106.6 | 129.4 | 116.8 | 131.2 | 118.9 | 127.1 |
| 1998 | | | | | | |
| March | 109.2 | 129.4 | 120.4 | 131.7 | 118.9 | 127.4 |
| June | 112.4 | 129.4 | 119.9 | 131.7 | 114.3 | 127.4 |
| September | 109.4 | 130.2 | 119.2 | 131.7 | 111.3 | 127.7 |
| December | 108.9 | 131.1 | 120.6 | 131.7 | 111.3 | 128.1 |
| 1999 | | | | | | |
| March | 108.9 | 131.1 | 120.4 | 131.5 | 110.3 | 128.1 |
| June | 109.2 | 130.8 | 117.9 | 131.5 | 110.3 | 128.1 |
| September | 108.2 | 126.9 | 119.4 | 131.6 | 113.7 | 128.8 |
| December | 111.7 | 126.9 | 118.0 | 131.6 | 104.6 | 128.8 |

| <i>Index numbers for selected major building materials</i> | | | | | | | |
|--|---|--------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| <i>Period</i> | <i>Reinforcing steel bar, fabric and mesh</i> | <i>Aluminium windows</i> | <i>Fabricated steel products</i> | <i>Builders' hardware</i> | <i>Sand & aggregate</i> | <i>Paint & other coatings</i> | <i>Non-ferrous pipes & fittings</i> |
| 1996–97 | 110.7 | 105.9 | 113.3 | 117.2 | 132.7 | 126.6 | 165.2 |
| 1997–98 | 112.7 | 107.2 | 114.7 | 113.7 | 124.5 | 127.3 | 164.3 |
| 1998–99 | 113.4 | 107.3 | 116.0 | 113.4 | 127.9 | 133.3 | 161.2 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | |
| December | 113.0 | 106.8 | 114.0 | 112.5 | 121.4 | 123.5 | 163.0 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | |
| March | 113.5 | 106.8 | 114.8 | 112.8 | 127.5 | 130.5 | 162.9 |
| June | 113.4 | 108.4 | 116.1 | 114.0 | 127.5 | 130.7 | 162.6 |
| September | 113.4 | 108.4 | 116.1 | 113.7 | 127.9 | 132.7 | 162.8 |
| December | 113.3 | 106.7 | 116.1 | 113.9 | 127.9 | 133.9 | 160.2 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | |
| March | 113.4 | 106.9 | 116.1 | 114.8 | 127.9 | 134.2 | 161.4 |
| June | 113.4 | 107.0 | 115.6 | 111.3 | 127.9 | 132.5 | 160.2 |
| September | 113.4 | 107.0 | 116.1 | 110.8 | 135.4 | 131.7 | 162.4 |
| December | 110.2 | 107.0 | 113.6 | 114.8 | 139.4 | 133.5 | 166.0 |

¹ Index numbers in this table have been recompiled to reflect the change to a quarterly collection basis from June 1997.
(Source: *Price Index of Materials Used in Other than House Building*, ABS catalogue number 6407.0.)

continued

PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING, HOBART¹: **Original**—continued
(Base year: 1989–90 = 100.0)

| | All electrical materials | | All mechanical services | | All plumbing materials | |
|-------------|--------------------------|--|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Period | Index | % change over previous period | Index | % change over previous period | Index | % change over previous period |
| 1996–97 | 117.4 | –1.0 | 117.0 | 1.7 | 122.8 | –3.8 |
| 1997–98 | 117.2 | –0.2 | 117.0 | — | 121.9 | –0.7 |
| 1998–99 | 115.8 | –1.2 | 119.0 | 1.7 | 124.5 | 2.1 |
| 1997 | | | | | | |
| December | 117.8 | 0.2 | 116.8 | 0.2 | 122.0 | –0.7 |
| 1998 | | | | | | |
| March | 116.9 | –0.8 | 117.4 | 0.5 | 121.6 | –0.3 |
| June | 116.5 | –0.3 | 117.1 | –0.3 | 121.0 | –0.5 |
| September | 116.1 | –0.3 | 117.8 | 0.6 | 124.9 | 3.2 |
| December | 116.8 | 0.6 | 119.1 | 1.1 | 124.1 | –0.6 |
| 1999 | | | | | | |
| March | 115.2 | –1.4 | 119.4 | 0.3 | 124.4 | 0.2 |
| June | 115.2 | — | 119.5 | 0.1 | 124.5 | 0.1 |
| September | 115.9 | 0.6 | 119.3 | –0.2 | 122.3 | –1.8 |
| December | 117.5 | 1.4 | 119.8 | 0.4 | 126.5 | 3.4 |
| | | All groups excluding electrical materials and mechanical services | | All groups | | |
| Period | Index | % change over previous period | Index | % change over previous period | | |
| 1996–97 | 116.8 | 1.1 | 116.3 | 1.0 | | |
| 1997–98 | 118.0 | 1.0 | 117.4 | 0.9 | | |
| 1998–99 | 118.8 | 0.7 | 118.5 | 0.9 | | |
| 1997 | | | | | | |
| December | 117.7 | 0.5 | 117.2 | 0.6 | | |
| 1998 | | | | | | |
| March | 118.2 | 0.4 | 117.7 | 0.4 | | |
| June | 118.9 | 0.6 | 118.1 | 0.3 | | |
| September | 119.1 | 0.2 | 118.4 | 0.3 | | |
| December | 119.0 | –0.1 | 118.6 | 0.2 | | |
| 1999 | | | | | | |
| March | 118.8 | –0.2 | 118.5 | –0.1 | | |
| June | 118.4 | –0.3 | 118.3 | –0.2 | | |
| September | 118.8 | 0.3 | 118.5 | 0.2 | | |
| December | 118.4 | –0.3 | 118.4 | –0.1 | | |

¹ Index numbers in this table have been recompiled to reflect the change to a quarterly collection basis from June 1997.
(Source: Price Index of Materials Used in Other than House Building, ABS catalogue number 6407.0.)

19 PRODUCTION OF SELECTED COMMODITIES: **Original**

| Year or month | Dairy products ¹ | | | Staff-hours worked | |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| | Whole milk ² | Factory butter ³ | Factory cheese | Textile manufacturing ⁴ | Vegetable preserving |
| | million litres | tonnes | tonnes | '000 | '000 |
| 1996-97 | 529.4 | 10 869 | 25 398 | 1 349 | 1 534 |
| 1997-98 | 542.8 | 8 745 | 26 835 | 1 125 | 1 128 |
| 1998-99 | 603.4 | 11 546 | r 29 973 | 1 061 | 1 084 |
| 1998 | | | | | |
| November | 81.8 | 1 414 | r 4 382 | 94 | 103 |
| December | 77.2 | 1 565 | r 4 090 | 83 | 103 |
| 1999 | | | | | |
| January | 66.1 | 1 068 | r 3 401 | 42 | 51 |
| February | 50.5 | 940 | r 2 677 | 90 | 86 |
| March | 54.0 | 985 | r 2 909 | 96 | 96 |
| April | 44.3 | 992 | r 2 353 | 82 | 90 |
| May | 35.1 | 1 180 | r 980 | 88 | 110 |
| June | 19.6 | 501 | r 1 187 | 98 | 99 |
| July | 13.6 | 258 | r 497 | 79 | 78 |
| August | 25.2 | 514 | r 605 | 94 | 97 |
| September | 60.8 | 814 | r 2 858 | 96 | 62 |
| October | 89.3 | 1 040 | r 3 425 | 92 | 66 |
| November | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | 94 | 104 |
| Year or month (quarterly for electricity) | Newsprint ⁵ | Refined zinc | Metal. refin. | Electricity ⁷ | |
| | '000 tonnes | '000 tonnes | Index ⁶ | million kW.h | |
| | | | | | |
| 1996-97 | 232.7 | 207.7 | 116.1 | 9 543 | |
| 1997-98 | n.p. | 197.0 | 116.6 | 9 700 | |
| 1998-99 | n.p. | 214.3 | 125.0 | 9 910 | |
| 1998 | | | | | |
| November | n.p. | 16.2 | 123.5 | .. | |
| December | n.p. | 17.3 | 116.0 | (Dec qtr) | 2 420 |
| 1999 | | | | | |
| January | n.p. | 17.8 | 126.2 | .. | |
| February | n.p. | 15.2 | 114.1 | .. | |
| March | n.p. | 17.4 | 124.6 | (Mar. qtr) | 2 260 |
| April | n.p. | 19.1 | 132.0 | .. | |
| May | n.p. | 19.8 | 133.9 | .. | |
| June | n.p. | 19.4 | 133.6 | (June qtr) | 2 570 |
| July | n.p. | 18.8 | 133.8 | .. | |
| August | n.p. | 20.7 | 138.2 | .. | |
| September | n.p. | 19.1 | 130.2 | (Sept qtr) | 2 680 |
| October | n.p. | 19.4 | 130.5 | .. | |
| November | n.p. | 19.9 | 130.3 | .. | |

¹ Source: Australian Dairy Corporation.
² Includes the whole milk equivalent of farm cream intake.
³ Includes butter equivalent of butter oil.
⁴ Includes spinning, weaving and carpet making. Reported by establishments which manufacture textiles only, or manufacture clothing and textiles in the one plant.
⁵ Excludes production of directory newsprint and high grade specialty paper.
⁶ Metallurgical refining index (Base: 1979-80 = 100.0) Output from selected establishments covering the smelting and refining of ferro-alloys, zinc and aluminium. The weighting pattern is based on the establishments' value added as derived from the 1979-80 Manufacturing Census. For multi-product establishments, value added was apportioned to products on the basis of gross receipts from each product.
⁷ Collected on a quarterly basis as from 1997.
(Source: ABS unpublished data.)

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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERING: **Original**

| Year or month | Cattle | | Calves | Sheep | Lambs | Pigs |
|---------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|--------|--------|--------|------|
| | Bulls, bullocks and steers | Cows and heifers | | | | |
| | '000 | '000 | | | | |
| 1996–97 | 109.4 | 93.2 | 43.5 | 367.7 | 358.2 | 73.3 |
| 1997–98 | 93.4 | 123.6 | 53.9 | 461.0 | 423.3 | 78.1 |
| 1998–99 | 94.8 | 116.3 | 61.0 | 439.9 | 480.1 | 81.2 |
| 1997 | | | | | | |
| November | 7.3 | 9.7 | 1.2 | 39.5 | 31.1 | 5.7 |
| 1998 | | | | | | |
| November | 7.0 | 8.6 | 1.0 | 41.3 | 30.5 | 5.3 |
| December | 8.4 | 12.1 | 0.3 | 54.4 | 41.0 | 8.0 |
| 1999 | | | | | | |
| January | 7.6 | 9.9 | 0.1 | 53.0 | 45.0 | 4.8 |
| February | 8.1 | 11.0 | 0.2 | 58.9 | 44.1 | 5.2 |
| March | 7.3 | 10.0 | 0.5 | 44.4 | 45.8 | 8.5 |
| April | 8.9 | 11.3 | 1.9 | 36.4 | 44.4 | 6.8 |
| May | 9.4 | 11.2 | 1.6 | 33.6 | 39.6 | 6.4 |
| June | 10.2 | 11.0 | 1.0 | 40.5 | 43.8 | 8.8 |
| July | 10.1 | 8.7 | 2.2 | 36.3 | 39.8 | 6.6 |
| August | 8.4 | 6.0 | 26.7 | 24.8 | 38.6 | 6.5 |
| September | 8.0 | 6.6 | 27.2 | 24.3 | 32.0 | 6.9 |
| October | 8.0 | 7.8 | 7.7 | r 38.7 | r 33.6 | 4.5 |
| November | 8.4 | 7.8 | 0.9 | 45.4 | 31.4 | 4.7 |

(Source: ABS unpublished data.)

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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERING: **Seasonally adjusted¹ and trend²**

| Month | Seasonally adjusted | | | Trend | | |
|-------------|----------------------|--------------------|------|----------------------|--------------------|------|
| | Cattle and calves | Sheep and lambs | Pigs | Cattle and calves | Sheep and lambs | Pigs |
| | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 | '000 |
| 1997 | | | | | | |
| November | 23.7 | 75.7 | 6.8 | 23.2 | 76.0 | 6.6 |
| 1998 | | | | | | |
| November | 21.3 | 76.8 | 6.5 | 22.4 | 79.1 | 6.3 |
| December | 22.3 | 77.5 | 6.5 | 22.0 | 78.1 | 6.2 |
| 1999 | | | | | | |
| January | 21.6 | 77.1 | 5.1 | 21.7 | 76.3 | 6.3 |
| February | 22.4 | 81.5 | 6.0 | 21.6 | 74.3 | 6.4 |
| March | 21.9 | 72.1 | 8.1 | 21.8 | 73.9 | 6.6 |
| April | 22.3 | 70.6 | 6.8 | 22.3 | 75.4 | 6.8 |
| May | 22.0 | 73.1 | 6.6 | 23.1 | 79.2 | 7.0 |
| June | 23.1 | 81.4 | 7.3 | 24.2 | 84.8 | 7.0 |
| July | 24.4 | 92.4 | 5.7 | 25.0 | 90.2 | 6.8 |
| August | 30.0 | 115.5 | 7.8 | 25.5 | 94.1 | 6.5 |
| September | 25.8 | 82.8 | 6.6 | 25.4 | 95.7 | 6.3 |
| October | 23.7 | 100.9 | 5.1 | 25.0 | 95.8 | 6.1 |
| November | 21.8 | 84.0 | 5.7 | 24.4 | 94.7 | 5.8 |

¹ Seasonally adjusted factors are reviewed annually to take account of each additional year's original data. The results of the review are used to compile revised seasonally adjusted and trend estimates; see Notes page 2.² ABS trend estimates for the most recent months are revised; see Notes page 2.

(Source: ABS unpublished data.)

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MEAT PRODUCTION¹: Original

| | <i>Beef</i> | <i>Veal</i> | <i>Mutton</i> | <i>Lamb</i> | <i>Pigmeat</i> ² | <i>Total</i> |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| <i>Year or month</i> | <i>tonnes</i> | <i>tonnes</i> | <i>tonnes</i> | <i>tonnes</i> | <i>tonnes</i> | <i>tonnes</i> |
| 1996-97 | 51 506 | 905 | 7 820 | 6 767 | 4 833 | 71 826 |
| 1997-98 | 53 061 | 1 148 | 9 840 | 8 072 | 4 915 | 77 042 |
| 1998-99 | 53 273 | 1 242 | 8 725 | 9 223 | 5 241 | 77 701 |
| 1997 | | | | | | |
| November | 4 251 | 51 | 820 | 578 | 362 | 6 062 |
| 1998 | | | | | | |
| November | 4 124 | 23 | 804 | 581 | 340 | 5 871 |
| December | 5 213 | 9 | 1 085 | 777 | 490 | 7 574 |
| 1999 | | | | | | |
| January | 4 323 | 5 | 1 059 | 861 | 302 | 6 550 |
| February | 4 910 | 6 | 1 203 | 837 | 335 | 7 290 |
| March | 4 467 | 14 | 891 | 876 | 547 | 6 795 |
| April | 5 171 | 44 | 735 | 885 | 452 | 7 287 |
| May | 5 340 | 36 | 666 | 771 | 420 | 7 232 |
| June | 5 561 | 21 | 802 | 851 | 584 | 7 819 |
| July | 5 086 | 46 | 722 | 775 | 439 | 7 067 |
| August | 3 907 | 520 | 489 | 777 | 396 | 6 089 |
| September | 3 897 | 524 | 480 | 621 | 439 | 5 961 |
| October | r 4 187 | 154 | r 754 | r 650 | 282 | r 6 026 |
| November | 4 350 | 19 | 923 | 603 | 285 | 6 180 |

¹ Carcass weight.

² Includes pork used for production of bacon and ham.

(Source: ABS unpublished data.)

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PRINCIPAL MINERAL CONCENTRATES PRODUCED: Original

| | <i>Copper</i> | <i>Iron (pellets)</i> | <i>Lead</i> | <i>Lead- zinc</i> | <i>Tin</i> | <i>Zinc</i> |
|------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <i>Year or quarter</i> | <i>'000 tonnes</i> | <i>'000 tonnes</i> | <i>'000 tonnes</i> | <i>'000 tonnes</i> | <i>'000 tonnes</i> | <i>'000 tonnes</i> |
| 1996-97 | 99.7 | 809.4 | 101.4 | 38.0 | 16.3 | 356.9 |
| 1997-98 | 109.6 | r 820.8 | 84.6 | 26.2 | 16.2 | 335.4 |
| 1998-99 | 76.8 | r 1 816.1 | 101.8 | 12.6 | 12.5 | 382.3 |
| 1997 | | | | | | |
| September | 27.2 | — | 22.5 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 88.6 |
| December | 28.5 | 164.5 | 22.1 | 6.7 | 3.7 | 87.3 |
| 1998 | | | | | | |
| March | 26.1 | 253.8 | 21.9 | 8.2 | 3.3 | 79.4 |
| June | 27.8 | r 402.5 | 18.1 | 6.0 | 4.4 | 80.1 |
| September | 25.8 | r 453.3 | 21.5 | 5.6 | 1.3 | 92.0 |
| December | 29.9 | r 478.2 | 26.1 | 3.2 | 4.0 | 95.3 |
| 1999 | | | | | | |
| March | 11.0 | 481.2 | 29.5 | 2.5 | 3.7 | 97.1 |
| June | 10.0 | r 403.4 | 24.7 | 1.5 | 3.6 | 98.0 |
| September p | n.y.a. | 479.5 | 28.4 | 2.7 | 3.9 | 94.8 |

(Source: Mineral Resources Tasmania, Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources.)

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SAWMILLS AND PLYWOOD MILLS, LOGS DELIVERED AND TIMBER PRODUCED: **Original**

| Year or quarter | Tasmanian-grown logs delivered | | | | | Sawn, peeled and sliced timber produced ¹ | | | | |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|--|---|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| | Eucalypts | Hardwoods, excluding eucalypts ² | Plant-ation ³ softwoods | Native softwoods ⁴ | Total | Eucalypts | Hardwoods, excluding eucalypts ² | Plant-ation ³ softwoods | Native softwoods ⁴ | Total |
| | | '000 m ³ | '000 m ³ | '000 m ³ | '000 m ³ | | '000 m ³ | '000 m ³ | '000 m ³ | '000 m ³ |
| 1996-97 | 500.8 | 17.0 | 352.9 | 1.2 | 871.9 | 165.8 | 4.3 | 158.0 | 0.5 | 328.5 |
| 1997-98 | 496.8 | 24.3 | 357.7 | 1.6 | 880.3 | 171.1 | 5.3 | 167.3 | 0.4 | 344.2 |
| 1998-99 | 499.9 | 22.6 | 351.9 | 1.0 | 875.4 | 159.7 | 5.1 | 169.7 | 0.3 | 334.8 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | | |
| September | 139.5 | 2.7 | 98.3 | 0.3 | 240.9 | 52.4 | 1.5 | 42.3 | 0.1 | 96.3 |
| December | 123.4 | 3.1 | 73.4 | 0.2 | 200.2 | 45.3 | 1.0 | 41.2 | 0.1 | 87.6 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 105.0 | 13.8 | 99.5 | 0.3 | 218.6 | 32.4 | 1.2 | 44.6 | 0.1 | 78.3 |
| June | 128.9 | 4.6 | 86.5 | 0.6 | 220.6 | 41.1 | 1.6 | 39.1 | 0.1 | 81.9 |
| September | 129.9 | 3.8 | 88.7 | 0.2 | 222.7 | 43.9 | 1.4 | 41.5 | — | 86.8 |
| December | 134.6 | 2.9 | 81.3 | 0.2 | 218.9 | 40.8 | 1.2 | 42.5 | 0.1 | 84.7 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 110.8 | 9.7 | 90.7 | 0.2 | 211.4 | 35.4 | 0.8 | 42.6 | — | 78.9 |
| June | 124.6 | 6.1 | 91.3 | 0.3 | 222.3 | 39.6 | 1.7 | 43.1 | 0.1 | 84.5 |
| September | 136.0 | 6.3 | 109.4 | 0.2 | 252.0 | 46.2 | 1.3 | 49.1 | 0.1 | 96.8 |

¹ Includes plywood, veneer and sliced timber production converted to an equivalent cubic measurement.

² Includes blackwood, myrtle, sassafras etc.

³ Radiata pine.

⁴ Includes Huon pine, celery top pine and King William pine.

(Source: ABS unpublished data.)

25

CHIPPING AND GRINDING OF WOOD¹: **Original**

| Year or quarter | Producing locations ² | Materials used ³ | | |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| | | Logs delivered ⁴ | Sawmill offcuts | Chipped and ground wood production |
| | no. | '000 m ³ | '000 m ³ | ('000 tonnes green weight) |
| 1996-97 | 27 | 3 207.4 | 433.2 | 3 609.3 |
| 1997-98 | 28 | 3 998.1 | 457.9 | 4 440.1 |
| 1998-99 | 29 | 3 459.6 | 373.4 | 3 929.9 |
| 1997 | | | | |
| September | 27 | 936.1 | 106.8 | 1 064.1 |
| December | 28 | 999.2 | 113.6 | 1 100.1 |
| 1998 | | | | |
| March | 28 | 1 014.7 | 116.6 | 1 157.7 |
| June | 28 | 1 048.0 | 120.9 | 1 118.3 |
| September | 29 | 872.5 | 87.3 | 981.5 |
| December | 29 | 798.3 | 112.0 | 889.5 |
| 1999 | | | | |
| March | 29 | 862.9 | 79.2 | 997.7 |
| June | 29 | 925.9 | 94.9 | 1 061.1 |
| September | 30 | 1 056.8 | 134.1 | 1 225.4 |

¹ Both hardwoods and softwoods, separate details are not available.

² Capable of producing at end of year or actually producing during quarter.

³ Data reported by weight, converted to cubic measure by the factor 0.95 m³ per tonne.

⁴ Includes log equivalent of limbwood and billets.

(Source: ABS unpublished data.)

| Year or quarter | Sawmilling and plywood milling | | | Chipping and grinding ¹ | | | Total | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | Crown land ² | Private land | Total | Crown land ² | Private land | Total | Crown land ² | Private land | Total |
| | '000 m ³ | '000 m ³ | '000 m ³ | '000 m ³ | '000 m ³ | '000 m ³ | '000 m ³ | '000 m ³ | '000 m ³ |
| 1996–97 | 725.6 | 146.4 | 871.9 | 1 627.4 | 1 580.0 | 3 207.4 | 2 353.0 | 1 726.3 | 4 079.3 |
| 1997–98 | 750.7 | 129.6 | 880.3 | 1 894.9 | 2 103.1 | 3 998.1 | 2 645.7 | 2 232.7 | 4 878.3 |
| 1998–99 | 754.2 | 121.2 | 875.4 | 1 562.6 | 1 897.0 | 3 459.6 | 2 316.7 | 2 018.2 | 4 334.9 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | |
| September | 201.0 | 39.8 | 240.9 | 464.9 | 471.2 | 936.1 | 665.9 | 511.0 | 1 177.0 |
| December | 166.6 | 33.6 | 200.2 | 485.0 | 514.3 | 999.2 | 651.5 | 547.9 | 1 199.4 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 191.9 | 26.7 | 218.6 | 466.6 | 548.1 | 1 014.7 | 658.5 | 574.9 | 1 233.3 |
| June | 191.2 | 29.4 | 220.6 | 478.5 | 569.5 | 1 048.0 | 669.7 | 598.9 | 1 268.6 |
| September | 188.3 | 34.3 | 222.7 | 341.0 | 531.5 | 872.5 | 529.4 | 565.8 | 1 095.2 |
| December | 185.5 | 33.4 | 218.9 | 422.4 | 375.9 | 798.3 | 607.9 | 409.3 | 1 017.2 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 184.1 | 27.3 | 211.4 | 367.0 | 495.8 | 862.9 | 551.1 | 523.2 | 1 074.3 |
| June | 196.2 | 26.1 | 222.3 | 432.1 | 493.8 | 925.9 | 628.3 | 519.9 | 1 148.2 |
| September | 221.8 | 30.2 | 252.0 | 554.0 | 502.7 | 1 056.8 | 775.8 | 532.9 | 1 308.7 |

¹ Logs used are generally below sawmilling standard; includes log equivalent of limbwood and billets.

² Comprises all areas (including concession areas) from which royalties are payable to Forestry Tasmania.
(Source: ABS unpublished data.)

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BUILDING APPROVALS: Original

| Year or month | Dwelling units | | | | Value | | | | |
|---------------|----------------|---------------------------------|--|----------------------|--------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---------|-----------------------|
| | New houses | New other residential buildings | Other dwell. units created (conversions etc.) ¹ | Total dwelling units | New dwelling units | Alterations and additions to residential buildings ³ | Non-residential building ⁴ | | Total of all building |
| | | | | | | | Private | Total | |
| | no. | no. | no. | no. | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| 1996-97 | 1 593 | 251 | 17 | 1 861 | 157 428 | 35 323 | 121 490 | 158 970 | 351 720 |
| 1997-98 | 1 419 | 219 | 5 | 1 643 | 142 366 | 38 432 | 82 734 | 125 466 | 306 264 |
| 1998-99 | 1 297 | 104 | 9 | 1 410 | 131 241 | 36 795 | 115 752 | 174 545 | 342 580 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | | |
| November | 97 | 11 | — | 108 | 9 484 | 2 944 | 6 717 | 7 861 | 20 289 |
| December | 112 | 2 | — | 114 | 11 366 | 2 910 | 2 378 | 6 664 | 20 940 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 114 | 3 | — | 117 | 11 264 | 2 818 | 15 875 | 45 841 | 59 923 |
| February | 97 | 12 | — | 109 | 10 719 | 2 655 | 4 164 | 4 234 | 17 609 |
| March | 116 | 9 | 1 | 126 | 12 077 | 3 092 | 10 237 | 16 463 | 31 632 |
| April | 110 | 14 | 2 | 126 | 12 418 | 3 917 | 23 814 | 26 864 | 43 198 |
| May | 94 | — | 1 | 95 | 8 517 | 2 678 | 5 303 | 10 122 | 21 317 |
| June | 76 | 11 | 1 | 88 | 8 955 | 3 526 | 5 321 | 7 266 | 19 746 |
| July | 147 | 9 | 2 | 158 | 15 197 | 3 728 | 15 315 | 18 702 | 37 627 |
| August | 101 | 16 | 1 | 118 | 11 734 | 3 861 | 8 174 | 10 176 | 25 770 |
| September | 114 | 2 | — | 116 | 11 635 | 3 294 | 21 277 | 21 327 | 36 257 |
| October | 132 | 8 | — | 140 | 13 434 | 3 973 | 8 436 | 9 440 | 26 847 |
| November | 148 | 26 | 2 | 176 | 14 686 | 3 521 | 3 754 | 5 624 | 23 831 |

¹ New individual dwelling units (e.g. flats, home units and villa units).

² From alterations and additions to residential building, conversions of non-residential building to residential building etc.

³ Valued at \$10,000 and over. Includes conversions and dwelling units approved as part of alterations and additions or as part of the construction of non-residential building.

⁴ Comprises non-residential building (new plus alterations and additions) valued at \$50,000 and over.

(Source: *Building Approvals, Tasmania*, ABS catalogue number 8731.6.)

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SECURED HOUSING COMMITMENTS¹: Original, seasonally adjusted and trend

| Month | Total number of dwellings ² | | | Total value of commitments ³ | | |
|-------------|--|---------------------|-------|---|---------------------|-------|
| | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Trend | Original | Seasonally adjusted | Trend |
| | no. | no. | no. | \$m | \$m | \$m |
| 1998 | | | | | | |
| November | 824 | 832 | 810 | 71 | 70 | 67 |
| December | 873 | 878 | 850 | 74 | 75 | 71 |
| 1999 | | | | | | |
| January | 751 | 914 | 882 | 63 | 77 | 75 |
| February | 870 | 889 | 893 | 74 | 75 | 76 |
| March | 1 027 | 895 | 885 | 92 | 77 | 76 |
| April | 854 | 848 | 865 | 71 | 75 | 74 |
| May | 915 | 857 | 845 | 76 | 72 | 71 |
| June | 818 | 816 | 836 | 63 | 66 | 69 |
| July | 806 | 828 | 840 | 67 | 69 | 68 |
| August | 859 | 848 | 854 | 68 | 66 | 67 |
| September | 888 | 857 | 874 | 69 | 64 | 68 |
| October | 869 | 929 | 895 | 67 | 70 | 69 |
| November | 923 | 930 | 914 | 76 | 74 | 70 |

¹ New seasonal adjustment factors resulting from the annual seasonal reanalysis were introduced in the January 1998 issue.

² Includes new dwellings, established dwellings and refinancing. Excludes alterations and additions.

³ Commitment is a firm offer of housing finance. It either has been, or is normally expected to be, accepted. Includes commitments to provide housing finance to employees and commitments accepted and cancelled in the same month. Excludes alterations and additions. Includes refinancing.

(Source: *Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia*, ABS catalogue number 5609.0.)

| Month | Deposits | | | | |
|-------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | Current bearing interest | Current – not bearing interest | Fixed | Investment savings accounts | Statement savings accounts |
| | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m |
| 1998 | | | | | |
| November | 780 | 238 | 1 864 | 651 | 252 |
| December | 773 | 249 | 1 877 | 653 | 253 |
| 1999 | | | | | |
| January | 796 | 248 | 1 878 | 655 | 255 |
| February | 805 | 245 | 1 904 | 655 | 257 |
| March | 814 | 260 | 1 926 | 649 | 266 |
| April | 801 | 258 | 1 928 | 638 | 269 |
| May | 784 | 255 | 1 921 | 627 | 270 |
| June | 773 | 267 | 1 925 | 624 | 272 |
| July | 775 | 248 | 1 964 | 616 | 273 |
| August | 783 | 246 | 1 992 | 614 | 278 |
| September | 796 | 243 | 2 006 | 610 | 280 |
| October | 819 | 249 | 2 015 | 608 | 279 |
| November | 850 | 252 | 1 951 | 604 | 281 |

| Month | Deposits | | | |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|--------------------|
| | Passbook/School savings accounts | Other | Total | Loans ² |
| | \$m | \$m | \$m | \$m |
| 1998 | | | | |
| November | 96 | 86 | 3 967 | 4 916 |
| December | 77 | 88 | 3 969 | 4 907 |
| 1999 | | | | |
| January | 89 | 88 | 4 008 | 4 879 |
| February | 88 | 88 | 4 048 | 4 960 |
| March | 80 | 89 | 4 084 | 5 018 |
| April | 87 | 92 | 4 073 | 5 029 |
| May | 93 | 92 | 4 042 | 5 080 |
| June | 92 | 92 | 4 044 | 5 107 |
| July | 77 | 105 | 4 058 | 5 081 |
| August | 89 | 93 | 4 093 | 4 765 |
| September | 78 | 91 | 4 103 | 4 987 |
| October | 88 | 84 | 4 143 | 4 972 |
| November | 87 | 84 | 4 109 | 4 984 |

¹ Details are the averages of weekly figures for each month. The figures are derived from returns submitted by banks authorised under the *Banking Act* together with similar returns voluntarily submitted by the State banks; they exclude the Reserve Bank.

² Excludes non-resident loans.

(Source: Reserve Bank of Australia.)

| Year or quarter | Buildings and structures | Equipment, plant, and machinery | Total |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|-------|
| | \$m | \$m | \$m |
| 1997–98 | 169 | 477 | 646 |
| 1998–99 | 130 | 345 | 475 |
| 1998 | | | |
| September | 40 | 101 | 141 |
| December | 25 | 70 | 95 |
| 1999 | | | |
| March | 30 | 85 | 115 |
| June | 35 | 89 | 124 |
| September | 14 | 83 | 97 |

¹ Estimates based on a sample survey and therefore subject to sampling variability. Covers selected industries only—mining, manufacturing, finance, property and other selected industries.

² Current prices.

(Source: *State Estimates of Private New Capital Expenditure*, ABS catalogue number 5646.0.)

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ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS: **Original**¹

| Period | <i>Establish- ments</i> | <i>Guest rooms</i> | <i>Bed spaces</i> | <i>Persons employed</i> | <i>Room nights occupied</i> | <i>Room occup- ancy rate</i> | <i>Guest nights</i> | <i>Bed occup- ancy rate</i> | <i>Guest arrivals</i> | <i>Takings from accomm- odation</i> |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|---|---------------------------|---|
| | no. | no. | no. | no. | '000 | % | '000 | % | '000 | \$'000 |
| LICENSED HOTELS WITH FACILITIES | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep qtr | 54 | 2 884 | 7 868 | 2 719 | 103.9 | 39.4 | 163.1 | 22.7 | 89.6 | 8 929 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jul | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | 34.0 | 38.0 | 55.7 | 22.8 | 29.0 | 2 781 |
| Aug | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | 35.0 | 39.2 | 53.9 | 22.1 | 29.7 | 3 025 |
| Sep | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | 42.0 | 48.3 | 68.1 | 28.6 | 37.0 | 2 623 |
| Sep qtr | 54 | 2 897 | 7 926 | 2 767 | 110.9 | 41.8 | 177.7 | 24.5 | 95.7 | 9 429 |
| MOTELS AND GUEST HOUSES WITH FACILITIES | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep qtr | 51 | 1 739 | 5 374 | 633 | 56.8 | 36.0 | 100.1 | 20.5 | 57.1 | 4 086 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jul | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | 17.3 | 31.9 | 32.4 | 19.3 | 19.0 | 1 280 |
| Aug | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | 17.8 | 33.1 | 32.6 | 19.6 | 18.8 | 1 312 |
| Sep | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | 23.0 | 43.8 | 43.9 | 27.1 | 25.0 | 1 771 |
| Sep qtr | 51 | 1 751 | 5 409 | 651 | 58.1 | 36.2 | 108.9 | 21.9 | 62.8 | 4 363 |
| SERVICED APARTMENTS | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep qtr | 24 | 863 | 3 385 | 388 | 33.5 | 42.2 | 67.8 | 21.8 | 31.2 | 3 091 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jul | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | 10.9 | 41.1 | 22.1 | 21.0 | 9.4 | 1 032 |
| Aug | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | 11.3 | 42.6 | 21.3 | 20.3 | 9.6 | 1 079 |
| Sep | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | 14.3 | 55.5 | 31.6 | 31.0 | 13.5 | 1 390 |
| Sep qtr | 24 | 857 | 3 395 | 393 | 36.5 | 46.3 | 75.0 | 24.0 | 32.6 | 3 500 |
| TOTAL ESTABLISHMENTS | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep qtr | 129 | 5 486 | 16 627 | 3 740 | 194.2 | 38.8 | 331.0 | 21.8 | 177.9 | 16 106 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jul | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | 62.2 | 36.5 | 110.2 | 21.3 | 57.5 | 5 093 |
| Aug | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | 64.1 | 37.8 | 107.8 | 20.9 | 58.1 | 5 416 |
| Sep | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | 79.2 | 48.0 | 143.6 | 28.6 | 75.6 | 6 784 |
| Sep qtr | 129 | 5 505 | 16 730 | 3 811 | 205.5 | 40.7 | 361.5 | 23.6 | 191.1 | 17 292 |

¹ Comprising establishments with 15 or more rooms or units. Note: The Survey of Tourist Accommodation has been substantially revised from the March quarter 1998. Information in respect of 1998 has been retabulated on the basis of the new scope; 1998 data will, therefore, differ from previously published data. For an explanation, including definitions, refer to *Tourist Accommodation*, ABS catalogue number 8635.0.
(Source: *Tourist Accommodation Australia*, ABS catalogue number 8635.0. For more detailed information, see also *Tourist Accommodation, Small Area Data, Tasmania*, ABS product number 8635.6.40.001)

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NATIONAL PARKS, PERSON ENTRIES¹: Original

Tasmanian National Park attendance

| Month | Cradle Mountain ² (Lake Dove) | Lake St Clair ² (Cynthia Bay) | Freycinet ² | Mt Field ² | Asbestos Range ³ (Bakers Beach) | Mole Creek Karst ⁴ (Marakooopa Cave) | Maria Island ⁵ (Darlington) |
|-------------|---|---|------------------------|-----------------------|---|--|---|
| | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. |
| 1998 | | | | | | | |
| December | 21 000 | 11 200 | 28 500 | 14 800 | 3 500 | 4 017 | 1 317 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | |
| January | 32 000 | 20 400 | 48 000 | 29 500 | 6 200 | 4 780 | 2 660 |
| February | 21 000 | 14 100 | 31 900 | 16 500 | 3 400 | 2 330 | 1 305 |
| March | 20 000 | 14 400 | 27 700 | 16 800 | 2 900 | 2 801 | 1 603 |
| April | 19 000 | 10 900 | 25 700 | 14 600 | 2 700 | 2 560 | 1 465 |
| May | 9 000 | 4 700 | 14 200 | 6 500 | 1 500 | 1 656 | 751 |
| June | 8 000 | 3 000 | 11 900 | 5 000 | 1 400 | 1 530 | 556 |
| July | 8 100 | 2 700 | 10 400 | 4 900 | 1 300 | 1 040 | 22 |
| August | 7 200 | 2 700 | 9 500 | 6 800 | 1 500 | 1 449 | 436 |
| September | 14 600 | 6 000 | 14 800 | 7 800 | 1 800 | 2 193 | 1 002 |
| October | 15 300 | 8 700 | 18 200 | 9 200 | 2 600 | 2 080 | 1 070 |
| November | 16 600 | 10 600 | 25 600 | 8 500 | 2 900 | 2 837 | 1 060 |
| December | 22 500 | 10 300 | p 33 700 | 13 200 | 4 500 | 4 049 | 1 305 |

¹ A 'person entry' occurs whenever a visitor enters a National Park. Measurement occurs at the designated sites in brackets.

² Estimated through a combination of traffic and booth counts.

³ Estimated through traffic counts.

⁴ Number of people taken on a guided tour.

⁵ The sum of ferry arrivals and estimated plane passengers.

(Source: Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Primary Industries, Water and Environment.)

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TRACKS IN NATIONAL PARKS, WALKER REGISTRATIONS¹: Original

| Month ² | Overland ³ | South Coast ⁴ | Freycinet ⁵ | Port Davey ⁴ | Frenchmans Cap |
|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. |
| 1998 | | | | | |
| December | 1 295 | 218 | 348 | 54 | 92 |
| 1999 | | | | | |
| January | 1 665 | 360 | 454 | 91 | 176 |
| February | 1 329 | 216 | 243 | 49 | 87 |
| March | 1 019 | 85 | 226 | 14 | 59 |
| April | 777 | 92 | 182 | 10 | 99 |
| May | 111 | 8 | 57 | — | 30 |
| June | 69 | 3 | 97 | 1 | 18 |
| July | 48 | — | 93 | — | 13 |
| August | 45 | 3 | 119 | — | 16 |
| September | p 157 | 10 | 114 | 2 | 24 |
| October | p 202 | p 16 | 196 | p 1 | 22 |
| November | p 753 | pr 56 | 251 | pr 10 | 37 |
| December | p 1 386 | p 150 | 386 | p 66 | p 113 |

¹ Numbers include only walkers who registered and represents their intention.

² Month of departure.

³ Sum of registrations at Cradle Mt and Lake St Clair.

⁴ Sum of registrations to walk the length of the track in any direction, irrespective of starting point.

⁵ All overnight walkers registered in the park.

(Source: Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Primary Industries, Water and Environment.)

34 REGISTRATIONS OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES¹: Original

| | Passenger vehicles | Other vehicles ² | Total (excl. motor cycles) | Vehicles registered by vehicle rental businesses ³ | Motor cycles |
|---------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|-----------------|
| Year or month | no. | no. | no. | no. | no. |
| 1996 | 11 445 | 2 728 | 14 173 | 2 384 | 472 |
| 1997 | 12 512 | 2 606 | 15 118 | 2 458 | 518 |
| 1998 | 12 857 | 2 848 | 15 705 | 1 830 | 567 |
| 1998 | | | | | |
| November | 1 101 | 223 | 1 324 | 194 | 68 |
| December | 1 556 | 217 | 1 773 | 712 | 63 |
| 1999 | | | | | |
| January | 777 | 199 | 976 | 5 | 56 |
| February | 741 | 187 | 928 | 23 | 48 |
| March | 985 | 242 | 1 227 | 20 | 45 |
| April | 879 | 219 | 1 098 | — | 45 |
| May | 838 | 275 | 1 113 | 2 | 35 |
| June | 859 | 270 | 1 129 | 16 | 28 |
| July | 1 059 | 290 | 1 349 | 171 | 53 |
| August | 1 026 | 244 | 1 270 | 235 | 29 |
| September | 1 240 | 218 | 1 458 | 470 | 42 |
| October | 885 | 245 | 1 130 | 138 | 65 |
| November | 964 | 292 | 1 256 | 151 | 49 |

¹ Includes State and Commonwealth Government-owned motor vehicles other than those belonging to the defence services. Excludes tractors, plant and equipment, caravans and trailers.

² Comprises utilities, panel vans, rigid and articulated trucks and other truck-type vehicles (i.e. motor vehicles designed for purposes other than freight carrying, e.g. campervans, tow trucks, ambulances and hearses) and buses.

³ These figures are included in previous columns.

(Source: *New Motor Vehicle Registrations, Australia*, ABS catalogue number 9303.0.40.003. ABS unpublished data.)

35 TURNOVER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS AT CURRENT PRICES¹: Original and trend

| Trend estimates ² | | | | | | | Total ³ | Change from corresponding month of previous year |
|------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--------------------|---|
| Period | Original \$m | Food retailing \$m | Clothing and soft good retailing \$m | Household good retailing \$m | Recreational good retailing \$m | Hospitality and services \$m | \$m | % |
| 1996–97 | 3 022.6 | 1 290.1 | 182.4 | 323.3 | 187.2 | 460.7 | 3 032.2 | .. |
| 1997–98 | 3 133.4 | 1 345.0 | 188.3 | 303.4 | 215.7 | 436.0 | 3 133.9 | .. |
| 1998–99 | 3 142.7 | 1 344.1 | 189.5 | 312.9 | 203.1 | 430.5 | 3 150.2 | .. |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | |
| Nov | 264.0 | 110.9 | 15.8 | 25.3 | 16.7 | 35.6 | 258.8 | –2.4 |
| Dec | 340.7 | 111.7 | 15.9 | 26.3 | 16.8 | 35.9 | 261.0 | –0.9 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | |
| Jan | 262.2 | 112.7 | 15.9 | 27.3 | 16.9 | 36.3 | 263.7 | 1.0 |
| Feb | 243.4 | 113.5 | 15.9 | 27.8 | 17.1 | 36.4 | 266.0 | 2.7 |
| Mar | 268.7 | 113.9 | 15.9 | 27.9 | 17.2 | 36.4 | 267.4 | 3.8 |
| Apr | 261.2 | 113.9 | 15.8 | 27.6 | 17.4 | 36.3 | 268.0 | 4.3 |
| May | 255.5 | 113.7 | 15.8 | 27.3 | 17.5 | 36.3 | 268.2 | 4.5 |
| Jun | 251.0 | 113.7 | 15.6 | 27.1 | 17.6 | 36.4 | 268.4 | 4.5 |
| Jul | 261.8 | 114.0 | 15.4 | 27.2 | 17.6 | 36.8 | 269.0 | 4.7 |
| Aug | 256.6 | 114.8 | 15.1 | 27.5 | 17.7 | 37.4 | 269.9 | 5.0 |
| Sep | 260.8 | 115.6 | 14.8 | 27.5 | 17.8 | 38.0 | 270.6 | 5.3 |
| Oct | r 268.9 | 116.5 | 14.4 | 27.5 | 17.9 | 38.5 | 270.8 | 5.2 |
| Nov | 276.1 | 117.0 | 14.1 | 27.3 | 18.0 | 38.9 | 270.5 | 4.5 |

¹ Excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.

² Trend estimates for the most recent months have been revised. See Notes on page 2.

³ Includes Department stores and Other retailing.

(Source: *Retail Trade, Australia*, ABS Catalogue number 8501.0)

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VALUE OF OVERSEAS TRADE¹, TASMANIA AND AUSTRALIA: **Original**

| Period | Tasmania | | | | Australia | | | |
|-------------|----------|--|---------|--|-----------|--|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | Imports | Imports: change over preceding period | Exports | Exports: change over preceding period | Imports | Imports: change over preceding period | Exports ² | Change over preceding period |
| | | % | | % | | % | | % |
| 1996–97 | 396 | 13 | 1 708 | 5 | 78 998 | 2 | 78 932 | 4 |
| 1997–98 | 385 | -3 | 2 136 | 25 | 90 684 | 15 | r 87 768 | 11 |
| 1998–99 | 407 | 6 | r 2 019 | r -5 | 97 612 | 8 | r 85 996 | -2 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | |
| November | 35 | -21 | 150 | -5 | 8 535 | -5 | r 7 291 | -7 |
| December | 31 | -11 | 172 | 15 | 7 820 | -8 | 7 890 | 8 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | |
| January | 32 | 2 | 135 | -21 | 7 231 | -8 | 6 300 | -20 |
| February | 30 | -6 | 140 | 4 | 7 112 | -2 | r 6 243 | -1 |
| March | 33 | 11 | 255 | 82 | 8 699 | 22 | 7 330 | 17 |
| April | 29 | -13 | 198 | r -23 | 7 731 | -11 | r 6 432 | -12 |
| May | 29 | 0 | 139 | -30 | r 7 746 | 0 | r 6 970 | 8 |
| June | 23 | -22 | 243 | 75 | 8 142 | 5 | 6 894 | -1 |
| July | 39 | 75 | 158 | -35 | r 8 180 | 0 | r 7 146 | r 4 |
| August | 32 | -19 | 150 | -5 | 8 872 | 8 | r 7 344 | 3 |
| September | 43 | 34 | r 115 | r -23 | r 8 968 | 1 | r 7 398 | 1 |
| October | 32 | -26 | r 222 | 93 | r 10 214 | r 14 | r 7 992 | 8 |
| November | 33 | 5 | 159 | -28 | 9 670 | -5 | 8 481 | 6 |

¹ It is difficult to get a complete picture of Tasmania's trade performance as imports recorded by the ABS include only goods imported directly into the State from overseas, and reported by the Australian Customs Service. Many of Tasmania's goods imported for direct consumption, or input into further processing industries, arrive via interstate ports, and are not included in this table.

² Includes re-exports.

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MERCHANDISE EXPORTS, by selected countries and country groups: **Original**

| Period | European Community | | | East Asia | | | Hong Kong | ASEAN ¹ | Total all countries |
|-------------|--------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|--------------------|---------------------|
| | United States of America | United Kingdom | Total European Community | Japan | Korea | Taiwan | | | |
| | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | | | |
| 1996–97 | 117 245 | 166 308 | 299 844 | 467 855 | 64 135 | 93 951 | 100 881 | 364 586 | 1 708 322 |
| 1997–98 | 176 175 | 25 063 | 338 791 | 549 048 | 67 801 | 150 405 | 132 551 | 399 472 | 2 136 171 |
| 1998–99 | 235 787 | 28 691 | 278 037 | r 466 406 | r 101 177 | 150 071 | 152 533 | 353 441 | r 2 018 962 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | | |
| November | 30 044 | 2 438 | 10 631 | 30 573 | 10 115 | 9 734 | 11 037 | 24 382 | 149 885 |
| December | 24 835 | 765 | 12 761 | 55 992 | 14 878 | 9 615 | 9 098 | 22 082 | 171 801 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 6 028 | 3 834 | 9 928 | 36 522 | 4 900 | 15 231 | 13 337 | 32 803 | 134 961 |
| February | 13 874 | 3 491 | 14 475 | r 33 156 | 11 379 | 10 973 | 12 835 | 23 056 | r 139 944 |
| March | 37 059 | 4 124 | 86 867 | r 41 498 | r 7 925 | 11 682 | 11 872 | 38 793 | r 255 336 |
| April | 31 625 | 3 548 | 17 877 | 34 933 | r 9 824 | 10 190 | 15 591 | 27 285 | r 197 726 |
| May | 16 130 | 2 544 | 9 143 | 33 234 | 4 965 | 12 897 | 14 322 | 22 457 | 138 931 |
| June | 13 810 | 1 855 | 76 630 | 58 220 | 12 947 | 13 709 | 13 184 | 30 452 | 243 056 |
| July | 25 199 | 2 834 | 14 114 | 25 878 | r 9 485 | 13 917 | 17 700 | r 31 017 | r 158 098 |
| August | 13 943 | 792 | 5 106 | 41 132 | 7 389 | 16 731 | 18 708 | r 25 769 | r 149 860 |
| September | 11 467 | 860 | 6 789 | 27 950 | 7 093 | 14 025 | 9 514 | 19 689 | r 114 681 |
| October | 15 629 | 3 383 | 82 622 | r 45 114 | r 5 644 | 12 177 | r 8 963 | r 24 585 | r 221 525 |
| November | 8 367 | 1 141 | 6 174 | 45 158 | 12 114 | 15 617 | 13 596 | 32 646 | 159 327 |

¹ ASEAN member countries are: Brunei, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam.

38 MERCHANDISE EXPORTS, by selected commodity groups: **Original**

| | <i>Meat and meat preparations</i> | <i>Dairy products</i> | <i>Fish, crustaceans and molluscs</i> | <i>Vegetables and fruit</i> | <i>Wood and woodchips</i> | <i>Textile fibres and wastes</i> | <i>Metallic ores and metal scrap</i> |
|---------------|--|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| <i>Period</i> | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| 1996-97 | 55 604 | 110 108 | 121 996 | 36 541 | 241 388 | 38 762 | 184 100 |
| 1997-98 | 71 918 | 133 675 | 141 205 | 55 242 | 311 359 | 29 641 | 254 054 |
| 1998-99 | 65 026 | 102 709 | 136 268 | 54 907 | r 295 944 | 24 999 | 278 001 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | |
| November | 4 563 | 10 122 | 7 096 | 177 | 28 936 | 1 908 | 24 505 |
| December | 6 415 | 11 394 | 12 110 | 219 | 30 445 | 4 494 | 37 028 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | |
| January | 6 764 | 9 411 | 12 860 | 654 | 20 394 | 1 026 | 22 666 |
| February | 6 027 | 7 514 | 10 290 | 4 646 | 24 055 | 1 413 | 13 551 |
| March | 5 034 | 12 277 | 7 613 | 9 368 | r 30 656 | 4 989 | 25 070 |
| April | 5 229 | 12 071 | 13 251 | 13 563 | r 24 162 | 1 938 | 20 539 |
| May | 6 307 | 7 720 | 9 516 | 10 942 | 22 669 | 475 | 15 242 |
| June | 7 900 | 8 173 | 9 071 | 4 508 | 33 433 | r 715 | 37 755 |
| July | 6 603 | 3 421 | 14 151 | 3 718 | r 17 037 | 1 538 | r 18 745 |
| August | 5 650 | 2 992 | 13 575 | 2 568 | 31 988 | 891 | r 15 224 |
| September | 5 008 | 2 503 | 13 913 | 1 392 | 19 151 | 2 051 | r 12 506 |
| October | r 5 227 | r 4 256 | 8 556 | 433 | r 27 681 | 1 111 | 24 133 |
| November | 5 819 | 4 413 | 12 079 | 394 | 30 279 | 1 604 | 29 617 |
| | <i>Medical and pharmaceut- ical products</i> | <i>Paper and paperboard</i> | <i>Iron and steel</i> | <i>Non-ferrous metals</i> | <i>Road vehicles & transport equipment</i> | <i>Other & combined confidential items</i> | <i>Total all commodity groups</i> |
| <i>Period</i> | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| 1996-97 | 22 886 | 31 913 | 82 219 | 438 558 | 212 341 | 131 907 | 1 708 322 |
| 1997-98 | 34 755 | 21 222 | 76 463 | 557 126 | 280 251 | 169 261 | 2 136 171 |
| 1998-99 | 52 330 | 4 130 | 95 265 | 544 311 | 173 015 | 192 057 | r 2 018 962 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | |
| November | 2 647 | 249 | 3 279 | 51 278 | 1 330 | 13 795 | 149 885 |
| December | 3 129 | 626 | 8 473 | 46 084 | 16 | 11 369 | 171 801 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | |
| January | 6 248 | 1 198 | 6 926 | 37 556 | 328 | 8 929 | 134 961 |
| February | 5 245 | 402 | 6 088 | 40 608 | 583 | r 19 524 | r 139 944 |
| March | 4 856 | 335 | 13 502 | 54 787 | 65 401 | 21 448 | r 255 336 |
| April | 3 506 | 237 | 5 681 | 50 410 | 34 067 | 13 072 | r 197 726 |
| May | 3 003 | 510 | 7 598 | 37 600 | 109 | 17 240 | 138 931 |
| June | 3 064 | 195 | 11 744 | 42 313 | 70 295 | 13 891 | 243 056 |
| July | 5 303 | 163 | 5 418 | 64 893 | 58 | 17 051 | r 158 098 |
| August | 7 100 | 380 | 75 | r 49 879 | 495 | 19 042 | r 149 860 |
| September | 4 096 | 45 | 61 | r 37 845 | 1 008 | r 15 102 | r 114 681 |
| October | 4 963 | r 242 | 174 | 44 262 | 70 782 | r 29 706 | r 221 525 |
| November | 5 153 | 880 | 60 | 52 022 | 276 | 16 731 | 159 327 |

| | NSW | Vic. | Qld | SA | WA | Tas. | Aust. ¹ |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------------|--------------------|
| Population | | | | | | | |
| Estimated resident population, June 1999 ('000) p | 6 411.7 | 4 712.2 | 3 512.4 | 1 493.1 | 1 861.0 | 470.3 | 18 966.8 |
| Proportion of Australian population, June 1999 (%) p | 33.8 | 24.8 | 18.5 | 7.9 | 9.8 | 2.5 | 100.0 |
| Population growth rate, 12 months to June 1999 (%) p | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.7 | 0.4 | 1.7 | -0.3 | 1.3 |
| Labour Force | | | | | | | |
| Employment growth, 12 months to December 1999 (trend series) (%) | | | | | | | |
| Males | 2.9 | 1.1 | 0.4 | 2.0 | 2.8 | 2.2 | 1.9 |
| Females | 2.8 | 4.2 | 3.9 | 4.3 | 4.9 | 2.6 | 3.7 |
| Persons | 2.9 | 2.5 | 1.9 | 3.0 | 3.7 | 2.4 | 2.7 |
| Unemployment rate (trend series), December 1999 (%) | 6.1 | 6.8 | 8.3 | 8.2 | 6.6 | 9.4 | 6.9 |
| Unemployment growth, 12 months to December 1999 (trend series) (%) | -12.1 | -7.7 | 2.3 | -10.7 | -4.5 | -8.1 | -7.0 |
| Participation rate (trend series), December 1999 (%) | 61.8 | 62.9 | 65.0 | 61.2 | 67.3 | 59.1 | 63.4 |
| Job vacancy rate, November 1999 (%) | 1.4 | 1.5 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.4 |
| Working days lost through industrial disputes, 12 months to September 1999 (days per '000 employees) | 80 | 108 | 41 | 37 | 62 | 5 | 71 |
| Wages and Prices | | | | | | | |
| Average weekly total earnings, full-time adult employees (trend series) August 1999 (\$) | | | | | | | |
| Males | 903.90 | 826.40 | 797.30 | 792.70 | 881.50 | 782.70 | 852.20 |
| Females | 722.80 | 697.20 | 641.00 | 656.10 | 653.80 | 632.40 | 690.40 |
| Persons | 835.60 | 778.90 | 739.40 | 743.40 | 800.40 | 729.50 | 793.10 |
| Average weekly total earnings, full-time adult employees, growth rate (trend series), 12 months to August 1999 (%) | 4.1 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 1.2 | 1.4 | — | 2.1 |
| Consumer price index, all groups, annual growth to September quarter 1999 (%) ² | 1.8 | 1.9 | 1.2 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 0.4 | 1.7 |
| Building | | | | | | | |
| % change in the number of total dwelling units approved: in the 12 months ended November 1999, over the same period previous year (r) | -1.3 | 17.8 | -10.3 | 13.4 | 17.9 | -3.5 | 4.5 |
| November 1998 to November 1999 | -5.8 | 22.8 | 18.2 | 63.9 | 44.9 | 63.0 | 16.5 |
| Private Investment and Retail Trade | | | | | | | |
| % change in private new capital expenditure, 12 months ended September 1999, over the same period previous year (original) | -3.8 | -1.7 | 2.6 | -24.7 | -32.0 | -29.8 | -7.6 |
| % change in <i>trend</i> estimates turnover of retail establishments, November 1999 (change from corresponding month of the previous year) | 7.2 | 11.3 | 7.2 | 6.3 | 3.4 | 4.5 | 7.7 |
| Transport | | | | | | | |
| % change in number of new motor vehicles (excluding motorcycles) registered in the 12 months ended November 1999, over the same period previous year ¹ | -0.8 | 3.1 | -12.0 | -8.9 | -8.1 | -8.6 | -3.8 |
| Agriculture | | | | | | | |
| % change in the number of livestock slaughtered 12 months ended November 1999 over the same period previous year (original) | | | | | | | |
| Cattle and calves | -13.3 | -10.0 | 7.4 | -16.3 | -10.3 | 2.9 | -4.7 |
| Sheep and lambs | -3.9 | 1.3 | 5.9 | -15.9 | 1.4 | 8.8 | -2.3 |
| Tourism: Room occupancy rates | | | | | | | |
| Hotels, motels & guest houses, & serviced apartments with facilities, September quarter 1999 (%) | 61.1 | 56.0 | 65.0 | 54.5 | 58.8 | 40.7 | 60.8 |
| Australian National and State Accounts | | | | | | | |
| % change in Domestic (State) Final Demand, ³ Chain Volume measures Trend Series | | | | | | | |
| Jun. qtr 1999 to Sep. qtr 1999 | 1.4 | 1.2 | -0.1 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 0.4 | 1.0 |
| Sep. qtr 1998 to Sep. qtr 1999 | 6.7 | 4.9 | 3.9 | 2.4 | 0.9 | 3.5 | 4.5 |

¹ Australian totals include the ACT and NT, with the exception of Agriculture, which excludes both. ² CPI applies to State capitals.

³ Total of four types of expenditure: Private investment, Private consumption, Government investment, Government consumption.

| <i>Particulars</i> | <i>Unit</i> | <i>Greater Hobart and Southern Statistical Division</i> | <i>Northern Statistical Division</i> | <i>Mersey-Lyell Statistical Division</i> | <i>Tasmania</i> |
|--|-----------------|---|--|--|-----------------|
| Area , 30 June 1996 | km ² | 25 521 | 19 935 | 22 507 | 67 964 |
| Population | | | | | |
| Estimated resident population, 30 June 1996 | no. | 230 187 | 134 047 | 110 209 | 474 443 |
| Estimated resident population, 30 June 1998 | no. | 229 593 | 133 229 | 109 063 | 471 885 |
| Births 1998 ¹ | no. | 2 828 | 1 621 | 1 515 | 5 974 |
| Deaths 1998 ¹ | no. | 1 798 | 975 | 823 | 3 596 |
| Labour Force (original), December 1999 | | | | | |
| Total employed | no. | 98 900 | 57 500 | 45 100 | 201 500 |
| Total unemployed | no. | 10 400 | 5 200 | 5 300 | 21 000 |
| Unemployment rate | % | 9.6 | 8.3 | 10.6 | 9.4 |
| Participation rate | % | 59.9 | 59.4 | 61.6 | 60.1 |
| Schools, 1997² | | | | | |
| Government | no. | 102 | 60 | 60 | 222 |
| Non-government | no. | 35 | 16 | 16 | 67 |
| Full-time school students, 1997² | | | | | |
| Government | no. | 29 355 | 17 913 | 15 653 | 62 921 |
| Non-government | no. | 12 128 | 4 909 | 4 199 | 21 236 |
| Educational qualification, 1996 Census³ | | | | | |
| Bachelor degree or higher ⁴ | no. | 17 058 | 7 152 | 3 908 | 28 184 |
| Undergraduate diploma | no. | 5 893 | 3 268 | 2 181 | 11 374 |
| Associate diploma | no. | 3 775 | 1 902 | 1 466 | 7 184 |
| Skilled vocational | no. | 16 255 | 0 040 | 8 841 | 35 238 |
| Basic vocational | no. | 4 548 | 2 632 | 2 305 | 9 515 |
| Agriculture | | | | | |
| Establishments with agricultural activity, 1997–98 season | no. | 1 138 | 1 584 | 1 761 | 4 483 |
| Total area of establishments | ha | 751 167 | 837 147 | 326 171 | 1 914 485 |
| Crops, production, 1997–98 season | | | | | |
| Potatoes | tonnes | 2 785 | 119 771 | 251 022 | 373 578 |
| Onions | tonnes | 777 | 9 613 | 41 555 | 51 945 |
| Apples | tonnes | 36 097 | 4 427 | 6 168 | 46 693 |
| Barley | tonnes | 6 793 | 21 527 | 2 597 | 30 917 |
| Livestock, 1997–98 season | | | | | |
| Beef cattle | no. | 83 229 | 213 631 | 213 562 | 510 422 |
| Dairy cattle | no. | 7 845 | 79 693 | 130 180 | 217 718 |
| Sheep and lambs | no. | 1 768 448 | 1 926 966 | 173 454 | 3 868 868 |
| Pigs | no. | 3 235 | 14 899 | 6 165 | 24 299 |
| Gross value of agric. production, 1997–98 | \$m | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | n.y.a. | 678 |
| Business locations, September 1998 | | | | | |
| Locations with manufacturing activity | | | | | |
| Less than 20 employees | no. | 424 | 327 | 257 | 1 008 |
| 20 or more employees | no. | 83 | 67 | 48 | 198 |
| Total | no. | 507 | 394 | 305 | 1 206 |
| Locations with retail activity | | | | | |
| Less than 20 employees | no. | 2 046 | 1 346 | 1 133 | 4 525 |
| 20 or more employees | no. | 82 | 43 | 35 | 160 |
| Total | no. | 2 128 | 1 389 | 1 168 | 4 685 |
| Building, 1998–99 | | | | | |
| Total dwelling units approved | no. | 731 | 431 | 248 | 1 410 |
| Value of total residential building approved | \$'000 | 87 612 | 50 579 | 29 843 | 168 035 |
| Value of total building approved | \$'000 | 199 614 | 83 883 | 59 083 | 342 580 |
| Dwellings, Census 1996³ | | | | | |
| Total dwellings | no. | 98 815 | 57 467 | 45 529 | 201 820 |
| Occupied private dwellings | no. | 85 255 | 49 759 | 40 183 | 175 197 |
| Fully owned | no. | 34 338 | 21 563 | 18 359 | 74 260 |

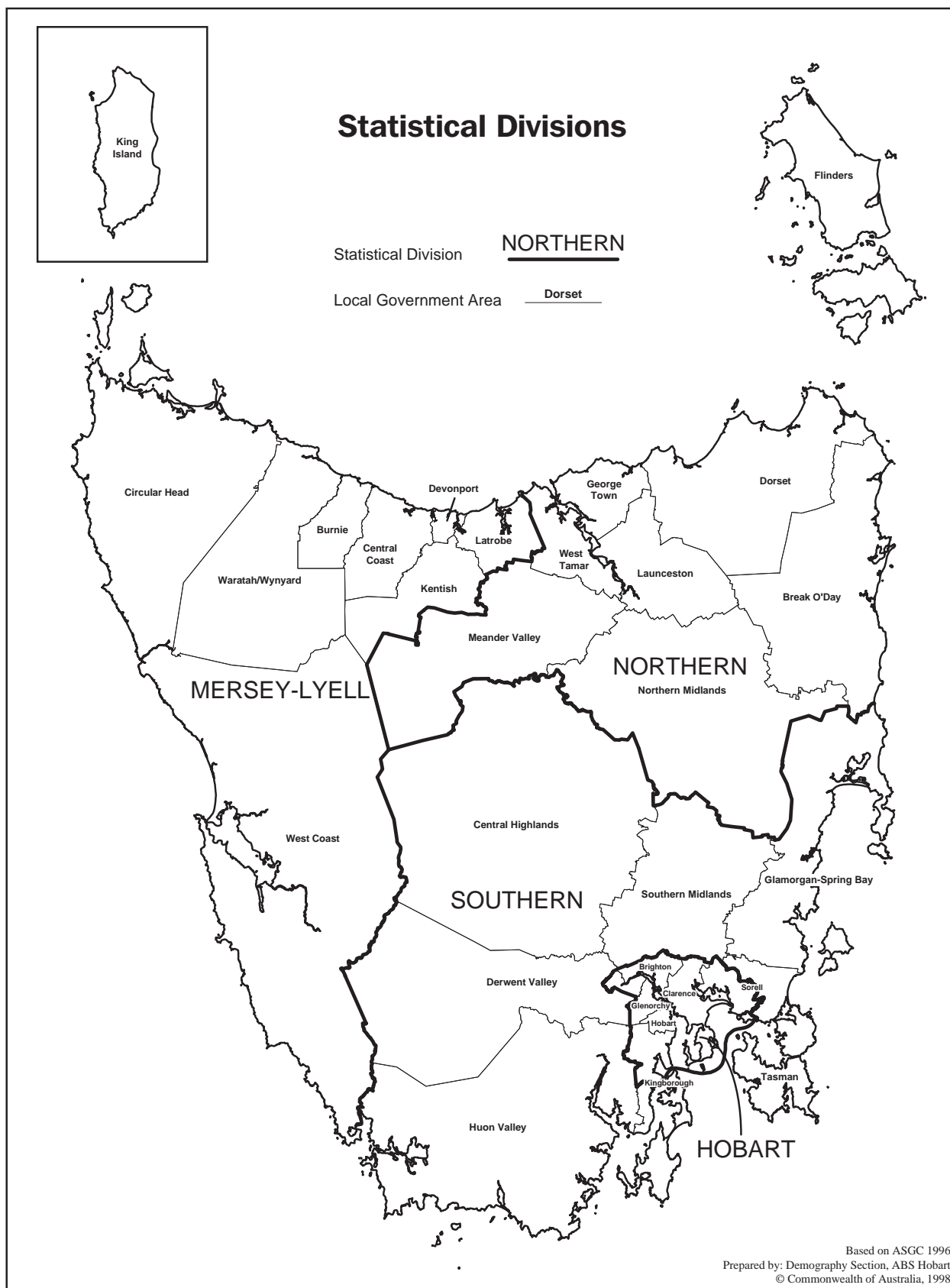
¹ Births and deaths are based on usual residence year of registration.

Total Tasmania includes usual residences other than Tasmanian Statistical Divisions.

² Source: DETYA and Tasmanian Department of Education.

³ Total includes migratory statistical division.

⁴ Includes higher degree, postgraduate diploma and bachelor degree.



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