

TASMANIAN STATISTICAL INDICATORS

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NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1 The June 2004 edition of Tasmanian Statistical Indicators (TSI) is the final hard copy issue. A future Tasmanian Theme Page enhancement will provide links to Tasmanian economic indicators. For further information, please contact Adam Czapracki on (03) 6222 5839.

2 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. Reference should therefore always be made to the latest issue or to the statistical publication on the specific subject.

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT AND TREND ESTIMATION

3 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.

4 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.

5 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.

6 A number of ABS data series will reflect significant and subsequent impacts of The New Tax System (TNTS), introduced in Australia from 1 July 2000. Further information can be found in *Information Paper: ABS Statistics and The New Tax System* (cat. no. 1358.0).

SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

\$m	million dollars
na	not available
np	not available for separate publication (but included in totals where applicable)
nya	not yet available
. .	not applicable
—	nil or rounded to zero
p	preliminary figure or series subject to revision
r	figure or series revised since previous issue
*	estimate has a relative standard error of between 25% and 50% and should be used with caution
**	estimate has a relative standard error greater than 50% and is considered too unreliable for general use.

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MAIN FEATURES

THE LABOUR FORCE

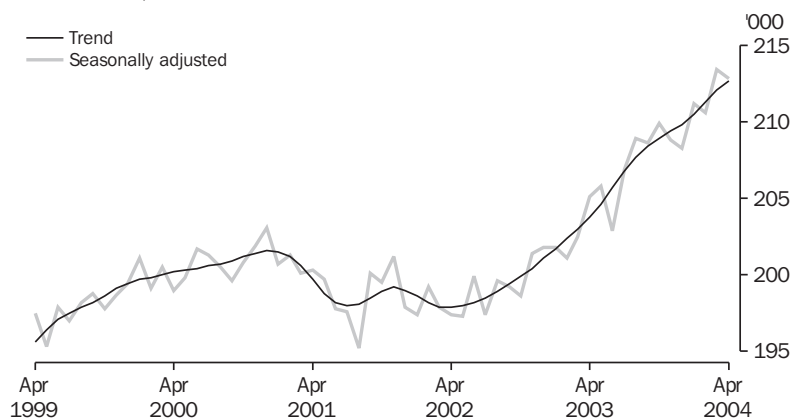
Trend estimates There were an estimated 227,900 persons (based on *trend* estimates) in the labour force in April 2004 and an estimated 384,500 civilian Tasmanians aged 15 years or more, yielding a labour force participation rate of 59.3%, compared to the April 2003 estimate of 58.9%. The Australian labour force participation rate for April 2004 was 63.7%, compared to the April 2003 estimate of 63.8% — see table 36 and *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6202.0).

For Tasmanian males, the *trend* estimate of the participation rate was 67.6% in April 2004, compared to the April 2003 estimate of 66.8%. For Tasmanian females, the *trend* estimate of the participation rate was 51.4% in April 2004, compared to 51.3% in April 2003 — see table 3.

EMPLOYMENT

Trend estimates The *trend* estimate of the total number of employed persons in Tasmania in April 2004 was 212,700, compared to 203,800 in April 2003, an increase of 4.4%. Employment over the same period increased in New South Wales by 1.7%, Victoria by 2.0%, Queensland by 3.2%, South Australia by 0.3% and Western Australia by 2.2%. The increase in the national employment figure over the same period was 2.1% — see table 36 and *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6202.0).

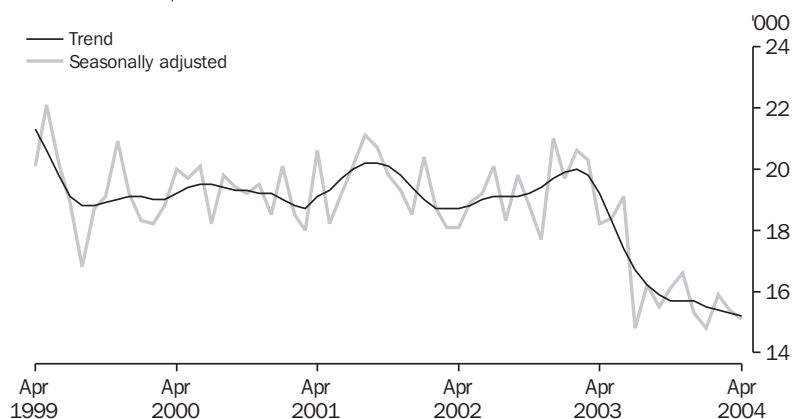
EMPLOYMENT, TASMANIA



UNEMPLOYMENT

Trend estimates The *trend* estimate of the number of unemployed persons in Tasmania for April 2004 was 15,200 compared to 19,200 in April 2003. The *trend* estimate of the unemployment rate for April 2004 was 6.7%, a decrease from the April 2003 figure of 8.6%. The Australian *trend* estimate of the unemployment rate was 5.7% in April 2004 compared to 6.2% in April 2003 — see tables 3 and 36, and *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6202.0).

UNEMPLOYMENT, TASMANIA

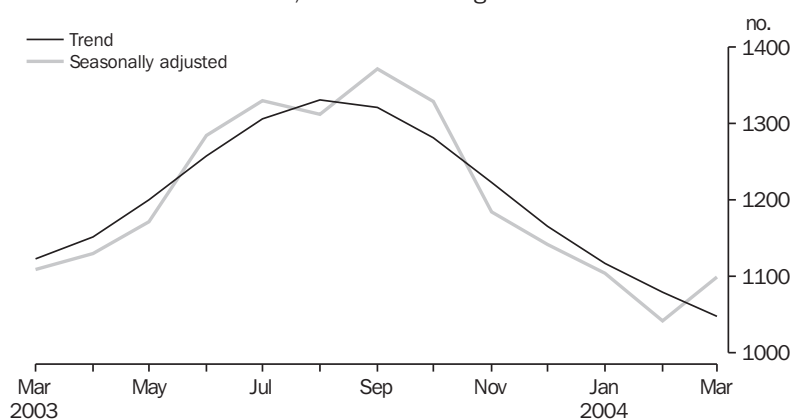


HOUSING FINANCE

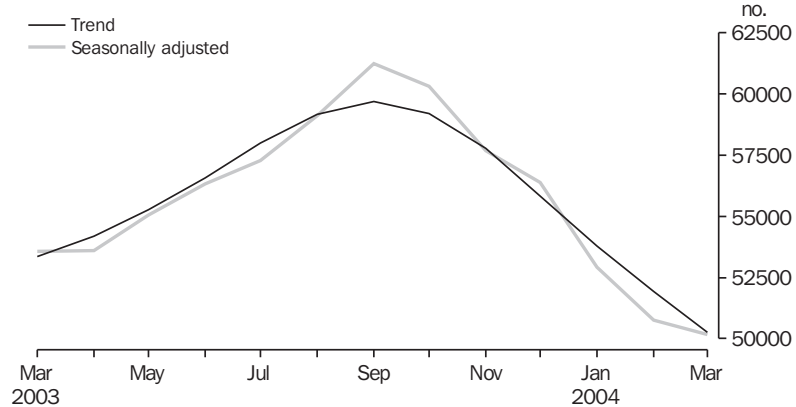
Trend estimates In *trend* terms, the number of housing finance commitments for owner occupation in Tasmania for March 2004 was 1,048, a decrease of 2.9% from the previous month. In the same period, the *trend* estimate for Australia decreased by 3.2%.

The Tasmanian *trend* estimate decreased by 6.7% between March 2003 and March 2004, while the national *trend* estimate decreased by 5.8%. The changes in the number of housing finance commitments for owner occupation over the same period for the other states and territories were New South Wales (-6.1%), Victoria (-8.7%), Queensland (-6.9%), South Australia (-2.1%), Western Australia (2.6%), Northern Territory (13.4%) and Australian Capital Territory (-27.4%) — see table 26 and *Housing Finance, Australia* (cat. no. 5609.0).

HOUSING FINANCE TASMANIA, Number of dwellings



HOUSING FINANCE AUSTRALIA, Number of dwellings



BUILDING APPROVALS

Original terms There were 274 dwelling units approved in Tasmania during March 2004, including 257 new houses. This compares with 200 dwelling units approved during February 2004, including 185 new houses. The number of dwelling units approved in March 2004 increased by 48.1% from the 185 approvals recorded in March 2003.

At current prices, the value of total building approved in Tasmania was \$60.8m in March 2004, which was 27.7% above the February 2004 figure of \$47.6m and 31.3% above the March 2003 figure of \$46.3m. Residential building contributed \$46.2m and non-residential building \$14.6m in March 2004 — see table 25 and *Building Approvals, Australia* (cat. no. 8731.0).

RETAIL

Trend estimates In *trend* terms, the estimate of retail turnover in Australia for March 2004 was \$15,860.7m, an 8.2% increase from the March 2003 estimate of \$14,662.2m. In *trend* terms, the estimate of retail turnover in Tasmania for March 2004 was \$335.9m, a 11.5% increase from the March 2003 estimate of \$301.2m — see table 32 and *Retail Trade, Australia* (cat. no. 8501.0).

SALES OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES

Trend estimates In *trend* terms, there were 1,408 new motor vehicles sold in Tasmania in March 2004, compared to 1,451 sold in February 2004. The number of new motor vehicles sold in March 2004 increased by 5.5% from the March 2003 figure of 1,335. Passenger vehicles represented 55.5% of all new vehicles sold in Tasmania in March 2004. Nationally, the *trend* estimate of new motor vehicles sold in March 2004 was 78,521, an increase of 6.1% from the March 2003 figure of 74,034 — see table 31 and *Sales of New Motor Vehicles, Australia (Electronic Publication)* (cat. no. 9314.0).

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Original terms In original terms, the estimate of total capital expenditure at current prices for Australia in the December quarter 2003 was \$13,778m, an 8.0% increase from the September quarter estimate of \$12,755m. In original terms, the estimate of total capital expenditure at current prices for Tasmania in the December quarter 2003 was \$159m, a 0.6% decrease from the September quarter estimate of \$160m.

For Tasmania, the estimate for expenditure on buildings and structures increased by 17.6% from the September quarter to the December quarter 2003, and the estimate for expenditure on equipment, plant and machinery decreased by 2.8%. The estimates of expenditure by the mining industry increased from \$5m to \$9m, and expenditure by the manufacturing industry and other selected industries each decreased in the December quarter 2003 — see table 27 and *Private New Capital Expenditure and Expected Expenditure* (cat. no. 5625.0).

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERING

Trend estimates In March 2004, the *trend* estimate for Tasmania for the number of cattle and calves slaughtered rose by 2.7% over the previous month. Over the same period, the *trend* estimate for the number of sheep and lambs slaughtered fell by 4.1%, while the *trend* estimate for the number of pigs slaughtered fell by 1.7%.

The *trend* estimate for the number of cattle and calves slaughtered in March 2004 was 24,400, up by 13.4% on the estimate for March 2003 and up by 60.5% on the estimate for March 2002.

The *trend* estimate for the number of sheep and lambs slaughtered in March 2004 was 58,800, down by 11.8% on the estimate for March 2003 but up by 10.8% on the estimate for March 2002.

The *trend* estimate for the number of pigs slaughtered in March 2004 was 3,700, down by 6.8% on the estimate for March 2003 and down by 10.6% on the estimate for March 2002 — see table 21.

OVERSEAS TRADE

The value of Tasmania's exports for the month of March 2004 was \$219m, an increase of 44% on the month of February 2004. Australia's exports for March 2004 totalled \$9,240m.

Tasmania's major export destinations for the month of March 2004 were Japan (\$52.7m), Korea (\$30.3m) and Hong Kong (\$24.5m). Major commodity groups exported for the month were non-ferrous metals (\$72.9m), metallic ores and metal scrap (\$15.5m) and meat and meat preparations (\$9.5m).

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index (All groups) for Hobart increased by 0.7% in the March quarter of 2004. The largest increases (1.0%) occurred in Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide, while Perth (0.3%) recorded the smallest.

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POPULATION — ORIGINAL

	<i>Estimated resident population</i>	<i>Natural increase(a)</i>	<i>Net estimated migration gain</i>	<i>Total population growth</i>	<i>Annual growth rate(b)</i>
	'000	'000	'000	'000	%
2000-01	471.8	2.0	-2.0	0.4	0.08
2001-02	472.6	2.0	-1.2	0.8	0.17
2002-03	477.1	1.9	2.6	4.5	0.95
2001					
September qtr	471.8	0.4	-0.4	—	0.10
December qtr	472.2	0.5	-0.1	0.4	0.16
2002					
March qtr	472.6	0.6	-0.2	0.4	0.16
June qtr p	472.6	0.5	-0.5	—	0.17
September qtr p	473.2	0.6	—	0.6	0.31
December qtr p	474.3	0.3	0.8	1.1	0.45
2003					
March qtr p	475.9	0.6	1.1	1.6	0.71
June qtr p	477.1	0.5	0.7	1.1	0.95
September qtr p	478.4	0.4	1.0	1.3	1.11

(a) Excess of live births registered over deaths registered (based on usual state of residence).

(b) Percentage growth from same quarter in previous year.

Source: *Australian Demographic Statistics (cat. no. 3101.0)*.

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BIRTHS AND DEATHS(a)(b)

	<i>Births</i>		<i>Deaths</i>		<i>Infant mortality(c)</i>	
	<i>no.</i>	<i>rate(d)</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>rate(e)</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>rate(f)</i>
2000-01	5 874	1.88	3 827	7.6	43	7.3
2001-02	5 871	1.91	3 849	7.4	30	5.1
2002-03	5 809	1.91	3 877	7.3	28	4.8
2001						
September qtr	1 416	..	1 021	..	6	4.2
December qtr	1 507	..	964	..	4	2.7
2002						
March qtr	1 477	..	890	..	13	8.8
June qtr	1 471	..	974	..	7	4.8
September qtr	1 539	..	981	..	9	5.8
December qtr	1 440	..	1 108	..	7	4.9
2003						
March qtr	1 490	..	934	..	8	5.4
June qtr	1 340	..	854	..	4	3.0
September qtr	1 537	..	1 171	..	14	9.1

(a) Usual residents of Tasmania.

(b) Marriages data is no longer released on a quarterly basis.

(c) Deaths of children under one year of age.

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

(e) 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.

(f) Rate per 1,000 live births.

Source: *Australian Demographic Statistics (cat. no. 3101.0)*.

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LABOUR FORCE STATUS(a) — TREND AND SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Trend series(b)				Seasonally adjusted series(b)			
	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	'000	'000	%	%	'000	'000	%	%
MALES								
2003								
April	111.8	11.6	9.4	66.8	112.8	11.0	8.9	67.0
May	112.3	11.0	8.9	66.7	112.7	10.7	8.7	66.7
June	112.8	10.5	8.5	66.6	111.5	12.1	9.8	66.8
July	113.2	10.1	8.2	66.5	113.9	8.1	6.6	65.8
August	113.5	9.9	8.0	66.5	113.9	10.1	8.2	66.8
September	113.6	9.8	7.9	66.4	113.5	9.6	7.8	66.2
October	113.8	9.7	7.8	66.3	114.2	10.2	8.2	66.8
November	114.1	9.6	7.8	66.4	113.7	10.4	8.4	66.6
December	114.6	9.5	7.7	66.5	113.6	8.7	7.1	65.5
2004								
January	115.3	9.4	7.5	66.7	115.3	9.1	7.3	66.6
February	116.1	9.3	7.4	67.0	116.3	9.3	7.4	67.1
March	116.9	9.2	7.3	67.3	117.7	9.5	7.4	67.9
April	117.6	9.1	7.2	67.6	117.7	9.2	7.3	67.7
FEMALES								
2003								
April	91.9	7.6	7.6	51.3	92.4	7.2	7.2	51.3
May	92.3	7.3	7.3	51.3	93.1	7.7	7.6	51.9
June	92.9	7.0	7.0	51.3	91.3	7.0	7.1	50.6
July	93.5	6.6	6.6	51.4	93.0	6.7	6.7	51.2
August	94.2	6.3	6.3	51.6	95.0	6.1	6.0	51.9
September	94.8	6.1	6.1	51.7	95.1	5.9	5.9	51.8
October	95.2	6.1	6.0	51.8	95.8	5.9	5.8	52.0
November	95.3	6.1	6.0	51.8	95.0	6.2	6.1	51.7
December	95.3	6.2	6.1	51.8	94.7	6.6	6.6	51.7
2004								
January	95.2	6.2	6.1	51.7	95.8	5.7	5.6	51.7
February	95.1	6.1	6.1	51.6	94.4	6.6	6.5	51.4
March	95.2	6.1	6.0	51.5	95.7	5.9	5.8	51.7
April	95.1	6.0	6.0	51.4	95.1	5.9	5.8	51.3
PERSONS								
2003								
April	203.8	19.2	8.6	58.9	205.1	18.2	8.2	59.0
May	204.6	18.3	8.2	58.8	205.8	18.4	8.2	59.1
June	205.7	17.4	7.8	58.8	202.9	19.1	8.6	58.5
July	206.8	16.7	7.5	58.8	206.9	14.8	6.7	58.3
August	207.7	16.2	7.2	58.8	208.9	16.2	7.2	59.2
September	208.4	15.9	7.1	58.9	208.6	15.5	6.9	58.8
October	208.9	15.7	7.0	58.9	209.9	16.1	7.1	59.2
November	209.4	15.7	7.0	58.9	208.8	16.6	7.4	59.0
December	209.8	15.7	6.9	58.9	208.3	15.3	6.9	58.4
2004								
January	210.5	15.5	6.9	59.0	211.2	14.8	6.6	59.0
February	211.3	15.4	6.8	59.1	210.6	15.9	7.0	59.1
March	212.1	15.3	6.7	59.2	213.4	15.4	6.7	59.6
April	212.7	15.2	6.7	59.3	212.8	15.1	6.6	59.3

(a) For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6202.0).

(b) Seasonally adjusted and trend estimates are revised each month; see Notes on page 2. New seasonal factors based on the concurrent adjustment method have been incorporated.

Source: *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6202.0).

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LABOUR FORCE STATUS BY REGION — MALES(a)(b)

	<i>Total employed</i>	<i>Total unemployed</i>	<i>Unemployment rate</i>	<i>Participation rate</i>
	'000	'000	%	%
HOBART AND SOUTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISIONS				
2002				
March	51.3	6.2	10.8	63.9
2003				
March	54.1	5.2	8.8	65.2
2004				
January	56.9	4.9	8.0	67.0
February	56.4	5.2	8.5	66.7
March	56.2	5.0	8.2	66.2
NORTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISION				
2002				
March	32.2	3.1	8.8	68.6
2003				
March	33.8	4.1	10.8	72.8
2004				
January	33.4	3.1	8.4	69.3
February	33.6	2.9	7.9	69.1
March	33.2	3.1	8.6	68.8
MERSEY-LYELL STATISTICAL DIVISION				
2002				
March	25.7	2.6	9.1	68.9
2003				
March	23.3	3.0	11.3	63.3
2004				
January	25.9	1.9	6.9	66.3
February	26.3	1.9	6.9	67.2
March	28.2	1.5	5.2	70.8
TASMANIA				
2002				
March	109.2	11.9	9.8	66.3
2003				
March	111.2	12.3	9.9	66.9
2004				
January	116.2	9.9	7.9	67.5
February	116.3	10.1	8.0	67.5
March	117.6	9.7	7.6	67.9

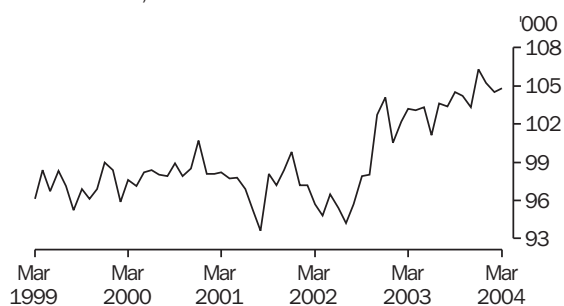
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(b) Data in this table are original series, i.e. they are not part of a seasonally adjusted or a trend series. Accordingly, care should be exercised when using these data.

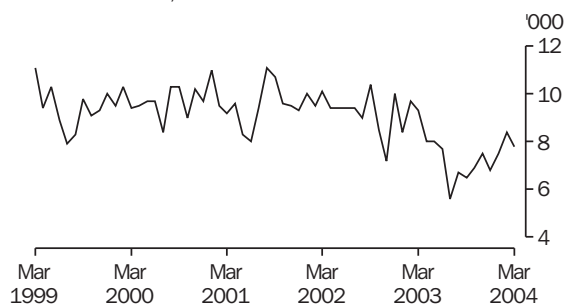
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Hobart and Southern Statistical Divisions (see table 6)

EMPLOYMENT, Persons



UNEMPLOYMENT, Persons



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LABOUR FORCE STATUS BY REGION — FEMALES(a)(b)

	<i>Total employed</i>	<i>Total unemployed</i>	<i>Unemployment rate</i>	<i>Participation rate</i>
	'000	'000	%	%
HOBART AND SOUTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISIONS				
2002				
March	44.5	3.9	8.0	50.8
2003				
March	49.1	4.0	7.6	55.3
2004				
January	48.2	2.6	5.1	52.2
February	48.0	3.2	6.2	52.5
March	48.5	2.8	5.4	52.6
NORTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISION				
2002				
March	25.8	1.8	6.4	50.9
2003				
March	25.6	2.6	9.3	51.7
2004				
January	27.7	1.9	6.5	53.5
February	26.1	2.6	9.0	51.8
March	27.5	2.3	7.7	53.8
MERSEY-LYELL STATISTICAL DIVISION				
2002				
March	18.7	*0.9	4.7	46.0
2003				
March	16.9	1.8	9.7	43.6
2004				
January	18.3	*1.1	5.8	44.7
February	19.0	2.0	9.4	48.1
March	20.0	1.2	5.7	48.7
TASMANIA				
2002				
March	89.0	6.6	6.9	49.8
2003				
March	91.7	8.5	8.5	51.7
2004				
January	94.3	5.7	5.7	50.9
February	93.1	7.7	7.7	51.4
March	96.0	6.3	6.2	52.0

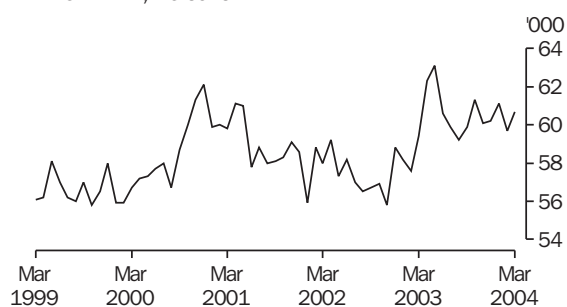
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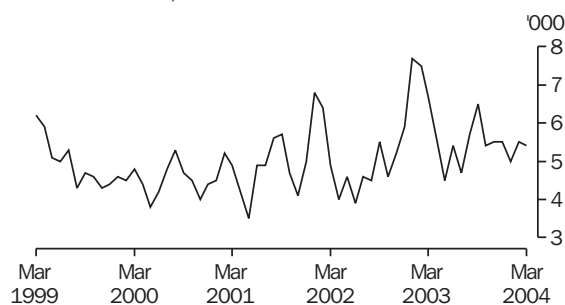
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Northern Statistical Division (see table 6)

EMPLOYMENT, Persons



UNEMPLOYMENT, Persons



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LABOUR FORCE STATUS BY REGION — PERSONS(a)(b)

	<i>Total employed</i>	<i>Total unemployed</i>	<i>Unemployment rate</i>	<i>Participation rate</i>
	'000	'000	%	%
HOBART AND SOUTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISIONS				
2002				
March	95.7	10.1	9.5	57.2
2003				
March	103.2	9.3	8.2	60.1
2004				
January	105.2	7.5	6.7	59.4
February	104.5	8.4	7.4	59.4
March	104.8	7.8	6.9	59.2
NORTHERN STATISTICAL DIVISION				
2002				
March	58.0	4.9	7.8	59.6
2003				
March	59.4	6.7	10.2	62.0
2004				
January	61.1	5.0	7.6	61.2
February	59.7	5.5	8.4	60.3
March	60.7	5.4	8.2	61.1
MERSEY-LYELL STATISTICAL DIVISION				
2002				
March	44.4	3.5	7.3	57.3
2003				
March	40.2	4.8	10.6	53.3
2004				
January	44.2	3.1	6.5	55.3
February	45.2	3.9	8.0	57.5
March	48.2	2.7	5.4	59.5
TASMANIA				
2002				
March	198.1	18.4	8.5	57.9
2003				
March	202.9	20.8	9.3	59.1
2004				
January	210.4	15.6	6.9	59.0
February	209.4	17.8	7.8	59.2
March	213.7	16.0	6.9	59.8

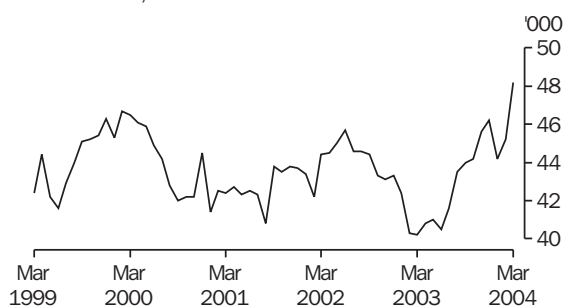
(a) For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6202.0).

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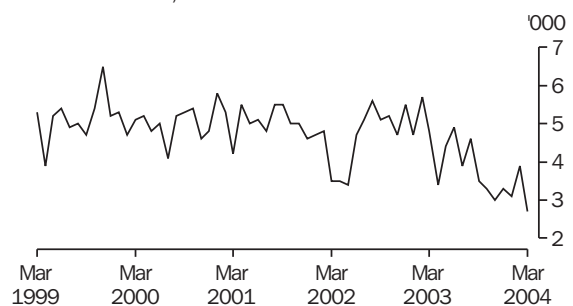
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Mersey-Lyell Statistical Division (see table 6)

EMPLOYMENT, Persons



UNEMPLOYMENT, Persons



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TEENAGE LABOUR MARKET(a)

	<i>Employed</i>		<i>Unemployed</i>		<i>Labour force</i>	<i>Not in labour force</i>	<i>Civilian population aged 15–19</i>	<i>Unemployment rate</i>	<i>Unemployment population ratio</i>	<i>Participation rate</i>
	<i>Full time</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Looking for full time work</i>	<i>Total</i>						
	'000	'000	'000	'000						
ATTENDING NEITHER A SCHOOL NOR A TERTIARY INSTITUTION FULL-TIME										
2002										
March	7.2	9.1	2.2	2.4	11.5	1.5	13.0	20.6	18.2	88.3
2003										
March	6.1	9.0	1.9	1.9	11.0	1.6	12.5	17.6	15.4	87.5
2004										
January	7.9	10.1	1.8	1.8	11.9	2.2	14.2	14.9	12.6	84.2
February	7.7	10.1	1.6	1.6	11.6	1.6	13.2	13.7	12.1	88.2
March	7.4	9.9	1.3	1.4	11.3	1.6	12.9	12.3	10.8	87.9
ATTENDING SCHOOL OR A TERTIARY INSTITUTION FULL-TIME										
2002										
March	**0.1	4.7	—	2.3	7.0	14.0	20.9	32.4	10.8	33.4
2003										
March	**0.1	7.7	*0.5	1.5	9.2	12.4	21.6	16.3	7.0	42.7
2004										
January	1.4	8.2	*0.6	1.4	9.6	10.5	20.2	15.0	7.2	47.8
February	**0.4	7.2	*0.6	*0.9	8.1	13.0	21.2	11.3	4.4	38.4
March	**0.2	6.9	*0.8	2.1	9.0	12.5	21.5	23.1	9.7	41.9
TOTAL										
2002										
March	7.3	13.8	2.2	4.6	18.5	15.5	33.9	25.1	13.6	54.4
2003										
March	6.2	16.8	2.5	3.4	20.2	13.9	34.1	17.0	10.1	59.2
2004										
January	9.4	18.3	2.4	3.2	21.6	12.8	34.3	14.9	9.4	62.8
February	8.1	17.3	2.1	2.5	19.8	14.6	34.4	12.7	7.3	57.5
March	7.6	16.9	2.1	3.5	20.3	14.1	34.4	17.1	10.1	59.1

(a) Persons aged 15–19 years. For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6202.0). Care should be exercised when using these series as some estimates are subject to high sampling variability.

Source: *Labour Force, Australia, Detailed — Electronic Delivery, Monthly* (cat. no. 6291.0.55.001).

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ALL EMPLOYED PERSONS BY OCCUPATION(a)(b)

	February 2003		February 2004		Proportion of total employed	
	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	February 2003	February 2004
	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%
Managers and administrators						
Generalist managers	2.1	2.4	**0.2	2.5	*1.0	1.2
Specialist managers	4.6	4.3	2.0	6.4	2.3	3.1
Farmers and farm managers	7.2	4.7	*1.1	5.7	3.6	2.7
<i>Total</i>	13.9	11.6	3.3	14.9	6.9	7.1
Professionals						
Science, building and engineering professionals	3.4	2.4	*1.1	3.5	1.7	1.7
Business and information professionals	7.7	3.9	2.0	6.0	3.8	2.9
Health professionals	6.7	2.0	6.4	8.5	3.3	4.1
Education professionals	9.9	2.5	5.1	7.6	4.9	3.6
Social, arts and miscellaneous professionals	6.7	3.9	2.3	6.2	3.3	3.0
<i>Total</i>	34.3	14.9	16.9	31.8	17.1	15.2
Associate professionals						
Science, engineering and related associate professionals	2.5	3.4	*0.8	4.2	1.2	2.0
Business and administration associate professionals	6.7	2.1	3.4	5.5	3.3	2.6
Managing supervisors (sales and service)	9.8	6.8	4.6	11.4	4.9	5.4
Health and welfare associate professionals	*1.1	**0.4	1.2	1.6	*0.5	*0.8
Other associate professionals	2.9	2.5	*1.1	3.7	1.4	1.8
<i>Total</i>	23.0	15.3	11.1	26.3	11.5	12.6
Tradespersons and related workers						
Mechanical and fabrication engineering tradespersons	5.0	7.1	—	7.1	2.5	3.4
Automotive tradespersons	2.6	3.0	—	3.0	1.3	1.4
Electrical and electronics tradespersons	4.3	3.9	—	3.9	2.1	1.9
Construction tradespersons	6.1	6.1	**0.1	6.3	3.0	3.0
Food tradespersons	2.2	1.8	*0.7	2.4	*1.1	*1.1
Skilled agricultural and horticultural workers	2.0	2.4	**0.3	2.7	*1.0	1.3
Other tradespersons and related workers	3.7	2.4	1.5	3.9	1.8	1.9
<i>Total</i>	26.0	26.8	2.6	29.4	13.0	14.0
Advanced clerical and service workers						
Secretaries and personal assistants	3.6	—	2.9	2.9	1.8	1.4
Other advanced clerical and service workers	2.8	*0.5	1.8	2.3	1.4	*1.1
<i>Total</i>	6.4	*0.5	4.7	5.2	3.2	2.5
Intermediate clerical, sales and service workers						
Intermediate clerical workers	20.0	5.4	17.5	22.9	10.0	10.9
Intermediate sales and related workers	3.1	1.9	*0.5	2.4	1.5	*1.1
Intermediate service workers	11.2	3.1	12.4	15.5	5.6	7.4
<i>Total</i>	34.3	10.4	30.4	40.8	17.1	19.5
Intermediate production and transport workers						
Intermediate plant operators	4.9	5.8	**0.2	6.0	2.4	2.9
Intermediate machine operators	2.6	2.3	**0.2	2.5	1.3	1.2
Road and rail transport drivers	6.1	6.0	*0.6	6.6	3.0	3.2
Other intermediate production and transport workers	5.7	3.4	*1.0	4.4	2.8	2.1
<i>Total</i>	19.4	17.5	1.9	19.4	9.7	9.3
Elementary clerical, sales and service workers						
Elementary clerks	*1.1	*0.6	*1.0	1.6	*0.5	*0.8
Elementary sales workers	16.1	5.1	11.2	16.2	8.0	7.7
Elementary service workers	2.9	1.5	*0.8	2.3	1.4	*1.1
<i>Total</i>	20.1	7.1	13.0	20.1	10.0	9.6
Labourers and related workers						
Cleaners	6.5	2.3	4.3	6.6	3.2	3.2
Factory labourers	5.6	2.5	1.5	4.0	2.8	1.9
Other labourers and related workers	10.7	7.3	3.5	10.8	5.3	5.2
<i>Total</i>	22.7	12.2	9.3	21.5	11.3	10.3
Total employed	200.1	116.3	93.1	209.4	100.0	100.0

(a) For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Australian Labour Market Statistics* (cat. no. 6105.0).

(b) Classified according to the Australian Standard Classification of Occupations (ASCO). Second edition.

Source: *Labour Force, Australia, Detailed — Electronic Delivery, Quarterly* (cat. no. 6291.0.55.001).

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EMPLOYED PERSONS BY INDUSTRY(a)(b)

	<i>Number of Employees</i>				
	<i>February 2003</i>	<i>May 2003</i>	<i>August 2003</i>	<i>November 2003</i>	<i>February 2004</i>
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	15.6	17.2	17.0	17.1	16.9
Mining	2.0	1.6	1.8	2.1	1.8
Manufacturing	22.1	22.8	20.8	21.3	24.3
Electricity, gas and water supply	1.8	1.7	2.3	2.3	2.4
Construction	12.2	12.4	13.1	12.0	12.0
Wholesale trade	9.8	9.0	8.3	7.6	8.5
Retail trade	32.4	35.1	34.3	34.5	32.8
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	11.0	11.3	10.8	11.3	13.1
Transport and storage	8.0	8.0	8.4	10.4	8.9
Communication services	1.9	2.8	3.0	2.6	2.4
Finance and insurance	6.5	5.7	5.1	5.2	4.8
Property and business services	16.1	15.3	15.4	15.4	17.3
Government administration and defence	11.8	11.9	12.2	11.6	12.1
Education	15.1	17.0	16.6	17.1	13.4
Health and community services	20.8	22.1	23.6	23.4	24.8
Cultural and recreational services	5.4	4.6	4.5	5.0	4.7
Personal and other services	7.6	8.8	8.7	9.9	9.2
Total all industries	200.1	207.3	206.1	209.0	209.4

(a) For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Australian Labour Market Statistics* (cat. no. 6105.0).

(b) Small movements are subject to high sample variability and should be used with caution.

Source: *Labour Force, Australia, Detailed — Electronic Delivery, Quarterly* (cat. no. 6291.0.55.001).

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AVERAGE HOURS WORKED

	<i>Average weekly total hours worked, all employed persons(a)</i>		
	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
2002			
November	39.1	26.9	33.8
2003			
February	38.0	25.8	32.5
May	40.4	27.1	34.3
August	38.4	27.5	33.4
November	38.7	27.4	33.5
2004			
February	38.1	26.0	32.7

(a) For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Labour Force, Australia* (cat. no. 6202.0).

Source: *Labour Force, Australia, Detailed — Electronic Delivery, Quarterly* (cat. no. 6291.0.55.001).

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JOB VACANCIES(a)(b)

	no.	rate(c)	Change from corresponding quarter of previous year
	'000	%	%
2002			
November	*2.1	*1.3	11.1
2003			
February	*2.1	*1.2	43.1
May	*2.0	*1.2	20.8
August	*1.9	*1.1	-14.3
November	1.6	np	-21.5
2004			
February	1.4	np	-33.7

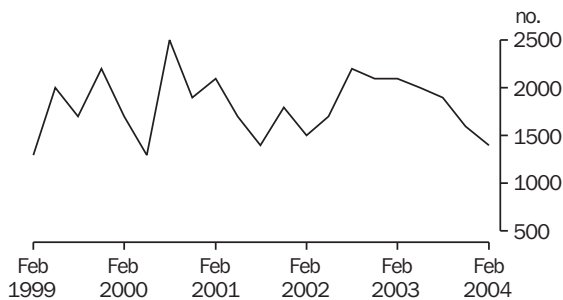
(a) For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Job Vacancies, Australia* (cat. no. 6354.0).

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

(c) Job vacancies expressed as a percentage of the number of employees plus job vacancies. From November 2003, the rate is no longer published.

Source: *Job Vacancies, Australia* (cat. no. 6354.0).

JOB VACANCIES, TASMANIA



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INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES(a)

	Working days lost	Twelve months ended	Working days lost per thousand employees
	'000		no.
2002			
December	1.2	December	20
2003			
January	—	January	20
February	—	February	20
March	—	March	10
April	—	April	10
May	—	May	10
June	—	June	9
July	—	July	9
August	—	August	8
September	—	September	8
October	0.5	October	10
November	0.1	November	10
December	0.1	December	4

(a) For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Industrial Disputes, Australia* (cat. no. 6321.0).

Source: *Industrial Disputes, Australia* (cat. no. 6321.0).

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF EMPLOYEES(a) — ORIGINAL AND TREND

	Males			Females			Persons		
	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All males total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All females total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All employees total earnings
ORIGINAL									
2002									
August	841.60	877.90	740.20	748.90	762.20	473.80	812.80	841.80	611.50
November	849.80	887.70	767.60	758.40	772.70	490.40	820.80	851.30	628.20
2003									
February	863.00	903.20	780.40	748.30	762.70	481.90	826.00	858.10	629.90
May	864.00	904.20	759.10	761.90	775.20	485.80	831.10	862.60	619.30
August	864.80	903.30	757.80	758.10	766.20	496.30	831.40	860.40	631.50
November	867.60	910.80	755.00	768.70	777.80	512.50	835.80	868.00	638.30
TREND(b)									
2002									
August	842.20	881.20	743.40	743.10	757.40	473.30	809.50	840.30	608.90
November	850.30	889.00	762.30	751.70	765.10	481.90	819.20	849.80	622.40
2003									
February	858.80	897.30	770.50	755.90	769.80	484.30	826.40	857.30	626.20
May	864.50	903.90	766.90	758.80	772.00	488.70	830.60	861.90	627.10
August	867.60	908.50	760.60	762.50	772.70	499.10	833.70	864.80	631.90
November	868.30	910.60	751.80	764.60	770.60	512.10	835.00	865.00	638.20

(a) For explanation of terms and concepts, refer to *Average Weekly Earnings, Australia* (cat. no. 6302.0).

(b) ABS trend estimates for the most recent months are revised, see Notes on page 2.

Source: *Average Weekly Earnings, Australia* (cat. no. 6302.0).

	Index numbers				Percentage change	
	Jun qtr 2003	Sep qtr 2003	Dec qtr 2003	Mar qtr 2004	Sep qtr 2003 to Dec qtr 2003	Dec qtr 2003 to Mar qtr 2004
SELECTED INDUSTRIES(c)						
Manufacturing	117.6	118.1	119.8	120.7	1.4	0.8
Retail trade	115.6	117.1	117.8	118.0	0.6	0.2
Government administration and defence	115.2	117.3	118.4	118.9	0.9	0.4
Education	123.0	124.1	124.2	124.3	0.1	0.1
Health and community services	115.5	118.3	118.8	119.1	0.4	0.3
All industries(d)	117.4	119.0	120.0	120.6	0.8	0.5
SELECTED OCCUPATIONS						
Professionals	120.3	122.0	122.6	122.8	0.5	0.2
Associate professionals	117.1	118.9	120.5	121.2	1.3	0.6
Tradespersons and related workers	116.0	116.9	118.8	119.5	1.6	0.6
Intermediate clerical, sales and service workers	116.6	118.3	119.2	119.7	0.8	0.4
Intermediate production and transport workers	118.8	119.8	120.5	121.5	0.6	0.8
Elementary clerical, sales and service workers	116.8	118.9	119.6	120.1	0.6	0.4
Labourers and related workers	116.0	117.8	na	na	na	na
All occupations	117.4	119.0	120.0	120.6	0.8	0.5

(a) Base of each index: September quarter 1997 = 100.0.

(b) These indexes are a measure of quarterly changes in wage and salary costs for employee jobs. 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* (cat. no. 6345.0).

(c) Industry is shown at the ANZSIC division level for selected divisions.

(d) Excludes Agriculture, forestry and fishing.

Source: ABS data available on request; Wage Cost Index.

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SUMMARY OF ANNUAL MOVEMENTS IN WAGES AND PRICES(a), PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR — ORIGINAL

	CPI	Price index of materials	Price index of materials	Average weekly total
	all groups — Hobart	used in house building	used in building other	earnings, full-time adult
		all groups — Hobart	than house building	employees(b)
	%	%	%	%
2000-01	5.8	1.8	0.3	3.2
2001-02	2.0	1.9	1.7	4.6
2002-03	3.3	4.1	2.4	5.5
2002				
March	2.3	1.8	1.2	6.1
June	2.7	2.3	2.2	5.2
September	3.5	3.4	2.7	7.2
December	3.1	3.9	2.7	5.2
2003				
March	3.6	4.7	2.1	4.9
June	2.8	4.5	2.1	4.9
September	2.6	4.0	2.0	2.2
December	2.9	3.8	1.9	2.0
2004				
March	2.1	4.3	1.9	nya

(a) See note 5 on page 2 of this issue on the impacts of The New Tax System (TNTS).

(b) March, June, September and December data relates to February, May, August and November survey dates as published in *Average Weekly Earnings, Australia* (cat. no. 6302.0).

Source: ABS data available on request; *Producer Price Index* (cat. no. 6427.0); *Consumer Price Index, Australia* (cat. no. 6401.0); *Average Weekly Earnings, Australia* (cat. no. 6302.0).

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HOUSE PRICE INDEX NUMBERS(a)(b)

	Established house price index		Project home price index	
	Index	% change(c)	Index	% change(c)
2000-01	134.2	4.0	140.7	11.5
2001-02	140.1	4.4	145.1	3.1
2002-03	157.1	12.1	158.5	9.2
2001				
December	138.3	2.5	143.4	0.5
2002				
March	142.1	2.7	144.6	0.8
June	144.9	2.0	149.7	3.5
September	148.9	2.8	152.5	1.9
December	150.8	1.3	154.4	1.2
2003				
March	160.9	6.7	161.2	4.4
June	167.9	4.4	165.7	2.8
September	177.4	5.7	166.7	0.6
December	183.0	3.2	168.9	1.3

(a) Base of each Index: 1989-90 = 100.0.

(b) Used in calculating the mortgage interest charges component of the Consumer Price Index.

(c) Percentage change over previous period.

Source: *House Price Indexes: Eight Capital Cities* (cat. no. 6416.0).

	<i>Hobart</i>					
	<i>Food</i>	<i>Clothing and footwear</i>	<i>Housing</i>	<i>Household furnishings, supplies and services</i>	<i>Transportation</i>	<i>Alcohol and tobacco</i>
2001						
March	134.3	110.7	106.9	125.6	131.4	185.4
June	136.0	112.2	107.2	126.6	134.6	188.6
September	135.7	109.3	107.4	127.3	131.5	189.4
December	138.2	113.9	107.8	126.9	130.4	189.5
2002						
March	140.4	110.9	109.0	127.6	131.3	191.5
June	141.1	113.3	110.3	127.4	135.9	193.0
September	142.0	107.4	112.4	127.7	134.9	195.5
December	143.0	108.3	113.0	127.8	136.3	196.3
2003						
March	146.0	104.3	115.2	127.5	139.0	198.9
June	146.5	110.1	116.9	128.8	134.3	203.3
September	146.4	103.3	118.3	128.4	136.7	206.5
December	147.7	106.8	119.3	128.1	136.3	208.9
2004						
March	149.1	104.3	121.2	127.1	137.0	210.0

	<i>Hobart</i>				<i>Weighted average of eight capital cities</i>	
	<i>Health</i>	<i>Education</i>	<i>Index, all groups</i>	<i>% change over previous period, all groups</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>% change over previous period</i>
2001						
March	181.5	215.1	132.1	0.7	132.7	1.1
June	181.4	215.1	133.4	1.0	133.8	0.8
September	180.3	215.0	132.8	-0.4	134.2	0.3
December	180.5	215.0	133.9	0.8	135.4	0.9
2002						
March	185.8	221.9	135.2	1.0	136.6	0.9
June	193.6	221.9	137.0	1.3	137.6	0.7
September	193.4	222.7	137.5	0.4	138.5	0.7
December	192.9	222.7	138.0	0.4	139.5	0.7
2003						
March	200.7	233.2	140.0	1.4	141.3	1.3
June	209.1	233.4	140.8	0.6	141.3	—
September	207.8	233.6	141.1	0.2	142.1	0.6
December	207.4	233.6	142.0	0.6	142.8	0.5
2004						
March	214.5	241.6	143.0	0.7	144.1	0.9

(a) Base year: 1989-90 = 100.0.

(b) Further information on construction of CPI indexes is contained in the bulletin *Australian Consumer Price Index Concepts, Sources and Methods* (cat. no. 6461.0).

(c) As a result introduction of the 14th Series Australian CPI there have been changes to some groups and restructuring of some others. See Appendix A2 of the September quarter issue 2000 of *Consumer Price Index, Australia* (cat. no. 6401.0) for more information.

(d) See Note 5 on page 2 of this issue on the impacts of The New Tax System (TNTS) introduced on 1 July 2000.

Source: *Consumer Price Index, Australia* (cat. no. 6401.0).

Index numbers for selected major building materials

	<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>
2000-01	120.6	132.6	117.9	131.6	107.6	129.3
2001-02	123.0	137.0	122.7	131.6	104.4	130.2
2002-03	126.3	145.5	134.4	131.6	110.2	132.4
2002						
March	123.2	137.6	124.0	131.6	102.5	131.0
June	123.4	139.9	133.2	131.6	101.8	131.0
September	124.0	143.9	133.8	131.6	107.8	132.1
December	124.8	144.0	134.0	131.6	107.0	132.1
2003						
March	126.1	147.0	134.0	131.6	113.1	132.1
June	130.1	147.0	135.9	131.6	112.9	133.1
September	131.0	147.1	137.3	137.9	111.2	133.1
December	131.0	147.1	137.3	137.7	109.5	133.1
2004						
March	133.6	148.6	137.9	137.7	113.4	133.1

Index numbers for selected major building materials

	<i>Reinforcing steel bar, fabric and mesh</i>	<i>Aluminium windows</i>	<i>Fabricated steel products</i>	<i>Builders' hardware</i>	<i>Sand and aggregate</i>	<i>Paint and other coatings</i>	<i>Non-ferrous pipes and fittings</i>
2000-01	107.8	116.8	114.0	119.3	147.9	135.0	185.6
2001-02	107.9	120.3	114.9	123.4	148.7	137.6	180.9
2002-03	110.8	121.5	128.8	123.2	157.6	142.2	176.4
2002							
March	107.9	120.3	111.4	123.3	147.4	137.6	182.0
June	107.9	120.3	119.7	123.3	152.9	137.9	180.2
September	110.3	120.3	129.7	123.2	157.2	140.2	176.4
December	110.3	120.3	129.7	123.2	157.2	142.4	176.4
2003							
March	110.7	120.3	126.7	123.2	157.2	141.9	176.4
June	111.7	124.9	128.9	123.3	158.8	144.1	176.4
September	112.9	124.9	132.3	123.3	156.5	145.2	180.4
December	110.4	124.9	139.4	123.3	157.3	143.4	183.4
2004							
March	109.6	124.9	140.4	122.8	153.2	150.9	186.9

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	<i>All electrical materials</i>		<i>All mechanical services</i>		<i>All plumbing materials</i>	
	<i>Index</i>	<i>% change over previous period</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>% change over previous period</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>% change over previous period</i>
2000-01	117.3	-0.3	118.2	-1.7	132.7	4.5
2001-02	118.5	1.0	120.9	2.3	132.4	-0.2
2002-03	117.9	-0.5	122.5	1.3	135.1	2.0
2002						
March	119.5	0.7	121.8	1.4	133.4	2.3
June	117.7	-1.5	122.0	0.2	133.8	0.3
September	117.5	-0.2	122.1	0.1	135.0	0.9
December	117.6	0.1	122.5	0.3	135.3	0.2
2003						
March	117.8	0.2	122.6	0.1	134.8	-0.4
June	118.6	0.7	122.6	—	135.2	0.3
September	119.6	0.8	123.3	0.6	136.8	1.2
December	120.3	0.6	123.3	—	137.8	0.7
2004						
March	118.9	-1.2	124.1	0.6	139.5	1.2
	<i>All groups excluding electrical materials and mechanical services</i>				<i>All groups</i>	
	<i>Index</i>	<i>% change over previous period</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>% change over previous period</i>	<i>Index</i>	<i>% change over previous period</i>
2000-01	120.5	1.2	119.3	0.3		
2001-02	122.1	1.3	121.3	1.7		
2002-03	125.7	2.9	124.2	2.4		
2002						
March	122.2	0.8	121.6	0.9		
June	123.8	1.3	122.8	1.0		
September	124.9	0.9	123.5	0.6		
December	125.1	0.2	123.7	0.2		
2003						
March	125.6	0.4	124.2	0.4		
June	127.2	1.3	125.4	1.0		
September	127.9	0.6	126.0	0.5		
December	128.0	0.1	126.1	0.1		
2004						
March	128.6	0.5	126.5	0.3		

(a) Base year: 1989-90 = 100.0.

Source: ABS data available on request; Producer Price Index (cat. no. 6427.0).

	<i>Dairy products(a)</i>			<i>Staff hours worked</i>	
	<i>Whole milk(b)</i>	<i>Factory butter(c)</i>	<i>Factory cheese(d)</i>	<i>Textile manufacturing(e)</i>	<i>Vegetable preserving</i>
	<i>million litres</i>	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>'000</i>	<i>'000</i>
2000-01	589.7	5 949	32 355	938	1 037
2001-02	671.4	7 368	35 155	975	1 062
2002-03	585.4	na	31 632	1 022	1 344
2003					
March	42.4	na	3 337	87	131
April	34.9	na	2 251	78	136
May	31.8	na	2 113	96	164
June	20.0	na	1 651	73	125
July	14.6	na	na	90	126
August	26.2	na	na	84	129
September	54.3	na	na	77	84
October	78.0	na	na	87	112
November	r 81.6	na	na	72	120
December	r 71.7	na	na	63	128
2004					
January	63.1	na	na	51	68
February	53.8	na	na	74	111
March	51.0	na	na	90	124
		<i>Refined zinc</i>	<i>Metallurgical refining</i>		<i>Electricity</i>
		<i>'000 tonnes</i>	<i>Index(f)</i>		<i>million kW.h</i>
2000-01		233.1	138.4		10 150
2001-02		251.7	140.8		10 210
2002-03		253.4	144.1		10 460
2003					
March		22.2	148.0		(Mar qtr) 2 430
April		22.0	145.8		..
May		23.2	150.6		..
June		22.4	149.4		(Jun qtr) 2 700
July		20.3	146.0		..
August		19.6	141.7		..
September		22.0	144.5		(Sep qtr) 2 920
October		22.5	149.5		..
November		21.5	144.8		..
December		22.2	149.4		(Dec qtr) 2 430
2004					
January		19.8	146.3		..
February		17.4	129.0		..
March		19.3	142.3		(Mar qtr) 2 180

(a) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation.

(b) Includes the whole milk equivalent of farm cream intake.

(c) Includes butter equivalent of butter oil. From July 2002 the Australian Dairy Corporation advised that Factory butter production data are confidential.

(d) From July 2003 the Australian Dairy Corporation advised that factory cheese production data are confidential.

(e) Includes spinning, weaving and carpet making. Reported by establishments which manufacture textiles only, or manufacture clothing and textiles in the one plant.

(f) Metallurgical refining index (Base year: 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.

Source: ABS data available on request; Employees Hours Worked Survey; Monthly Production Survey; Manufacturing Survey.

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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERING — ORIGINAL

	Cattle					
	<i>Bulls, bullocks and steers</i>	<i>Cows and heifers</i>	<i>Calves</i>	<i>Sheep</i>	<i>Lambs</i>	<i>Pigs</i>
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
2000-01	90.2	94.2	49.7	364.7	416.1	57.6
2001-02	80.6	79.4	44.6	275.8	426.4	53.1
2002-03	79.9	112.9	41.2	388.3	374.0	47.7
2002						
March	7.5	7.2	0.2	25.9	33.5	4.7
2003						
March	7.0	11.5	0.5	55.5	28.1	3.6
April	6.1	12.7	1.0	41.4	23.8	3.5
May	7.6	13.5	1.1	47.5	34.0	4.3
June	5.0	10.7	0.8	27.5	30.7	3.8
July	4.0	10.9	1.4	30.4	39.5	4.0
August	4.8	7.7	16.8	19.1	38.6	3.9
September	4.3	7.0	15.5	21.8	27.3	3.7
October	7.4	7.5	7.1	26.9	33.6	3.8
November	9.3	7.5	1.3	37.5	29.9	3.4
December	8.7	8.7	0.3	36.4	32.0	4.5
2004						
January	10.7	9.2	0.2	40.1	39.6	3.7
February	10.0	9.1	0.4	36.4	30.7	3.4
March	9.6	10.5	0.7	31.6	33.8	3.6

Source: ABS data available on request; Livestock Slaughtered.

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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERING — SEASONALLY ADJUSTED(a) AND TREND(b)

	Seasonally adjusted			Trend		
	<i>Cattle and calves</i>	<i>Sheep and lambs</i>	<i>Pigs</i>	<i>Cattle and calves</i>	<i>Sheep and lambs</i>	<i>Pigs</i>
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
2002						
March	14.5	49.3	4.2	15.2	53.0	4.1
2003						
March	21.4	70.7	3.4	21.5	66.7	3.9
April	20.2	64.9	3.6	20.6	68.4	3.8
May	20.2	72.2	3.9	20.2	69.3	3.8
June	18.2	61.2	3.6	20.1	69.6	3.8
July	19.3	78.9	4.0	20.4	69.7	3.9
August	24.7	69.4	4.2	21.0	69.9	3.9
September	21.7	67.4	3.8	21.5	70.1	3.9
October	19.9	64.0	4.0	21.9	69.6	3.9
November	22.8	74.2	3.9	22.3	68.3	3.9
December	22.2	69.7	3.7	22.8	66.3	3.9
2004						
January	22.8	65.1	4.1	23.3	63.8	3.8
February	26.2	56.1	4.0	23.8	61.3	3.7
March	23.4	56.5	3.3	24.4	58.8	3.7

(a) 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.

(b) ABS trend estimates for the most recent months are revised; see Notes page 2.

Source: ABS data available on request; Livestock Slaughtered.

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MEAT PRODUCTION(a)

	<i>Beef</i>	<i>Veal</i>	<i>Mutton</i>	<i>Lamb</i>	<i>Pig meat(b)</i>	<i>Total</i>
	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>tonnes</i>
2000-01	48 771	996	7 232	8 014	3 583	68 596
2001-02	43 923	899	5 416	8 466	3 159	61 863
2002-03	51 376	826	7 495	7 439	2 715	69 851
2002						
March	3 998	8	505	660	279	5 449
2003						
March	4 872	14	1 076	552	206	6 720
April	4 765	23	793	461	192	6 233
May	5 538	26	903	682	248	7 396
June	4 026	19	532	613	219	5 408
July	3 727	30	582	803	227	5 368
August	3 332	322	370	778	225	5 026
September	3 061	301	430	556	204	4 553
October	3 940	139	535	651	211	5 476
November	4 649	28	767	609	189	6 242
December	4 693	9	729	633	242	6 306
2004						
January	5 588	8	771	773	204	7 344
February	5 418	10	729	606	191	6 953
March	5 380	18	622	679	198	6 897

(a) Carcass weight.

(b) Includes pork used for production of bacon and ham.

Source: ABS data available on request; *Livestock Slaughtered*.

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PRINCIPAL MINERAL CONCENTRATES PRODUCED

	<i>Copper</i>	<i>Iron (pellets)</i>	<i>Lead</i>	<i>Tin(a)</i>	<i>Zinc</i>
	<i>'000 tonnes</i>	<i>'000 tonnes</i>	<i>'000 tonnes</i>	<i>'000 tonnes</i>	<i>'000 tonnes</i>
2000-01	105.4	2 027.3	40.6	14.7	143.2
2001-02	115.0	2 151.6	35.6	12.4	138.7
2002-03	108.1	2 142.3	42.2	8.5	141.9
2002					
March	28.0	533.5	9.9	2.7	33.3
June	23.6	576.3	8.5	3.0	32.4
September	34.5	513.1	9.7	3.7	39.0
December	25.4	516.3	9.2	1.7	31.4
2003					
March	25.6	578.7	12.4	2.4	35.0
June	22.7	534.2	10.8	0.8	36.5
September	22.9	560.8	9.2	—	34.0
December	29.2	582.3	11.2	—	38.5
2004					
March	28.4	552.7	11.5	—	40.0

(a) Tasmania's major tin producer, Renison Bell Ltd, ceased production in May 2003. It is currently inoperative.

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

SAWMILLS AND PLYWOOD MILLS, LOGS DELIVERED AND TIMBER PRODUCED(a)

	Tasmanian-grown logs delivered					Sawn, peeled and sliced timber produced(b)				
	Eucalypts	Hardwoods, excluding eucalypts(c)	Plant- ation(d) softwoods	Native soft- woods(e)	Total	Eucalypts	Hardwoods, excluding eucalypts(c)	Plant- ation(d) softwoods	Native soft- woods(e)	Total
		'000 m ³	'000 m ³	'000 m ³			'000 m ³	'000 m ³	'000 m ³	
2000-01	468.5	24.8	369.9	2.6	865.8	157.9	6.3	174.1	0.2	338.6
2001-02	513.9	31.7	447.2	0.9	993.8	170.2	8.1	208.9	0.3	387.4
2002-03	525.0	25.9	509.8	2.5	1 063.2	163.3	6.7	228.0	0.5	398.5
2002										
March	116.2	10.3	121.6	0.3	248.5	41.6	2.7	53.6	0.1	97.9
June	152.8	6.9	115.4	0.3	275.4	48.7	1.4	56.0	0.1	106.2
September	143.4	5.4	122.3	0.2	271.3	44.7	1.4	58.8	0.1	105.0
December	142.6	5.3	143.6	1.0	292.5	41.3	1.8	55.9	0.1	99.1
2003										
March	113.8	8.1	124.8	0.5	247.1	36.5	1.6	56.5	0.1	94.6
June	125.2	7.1	119.2	0.8	252.3	40.9	1.9	56.9	0.2	99.8
September	157.2	4.9	133.2	0.2	295.4	46.4	1.7	64.4	—	112.5
December	153.7	5.3	125.0	0.3	284.4	43.7	0.8	60.1	—	104.6
2004										
March	126.1	7.6	131.6	0.4	265.6	40.8	3.6	59.5	0.1	104.0

(a) Separate data for logs delivered and sourced from Crown and Private land is available on request.

(b) Includes plywood, veneer and sliced timber production converted to an equivalent cubic measurement.

(c) Includes blackwood, myrtle, sassafras etc.

(d) Radiata pine.

(e) Includes Huon pine, Celery Top pine and King William pine.

Source: ABS data available on request, Forest Products Survey.

	Value(a)								
	Dwelling units				Non-residential buildings(b)				
	New houses no.	New other residential buildings(c) no.	Other dwelling units created (conversions etc.)(d) no.	Total dwelling units no.	New dwelling units \$m	Alterations and additions to residential buildings(e) \$m	Private \$m	Total \$m	Total of all building \$m
2000-01	1 108	80	10	1 198	127.5	43.1	95.2	152.5	323.0
2001-02	1 879	141	13	2 033	221.2	51.7	113.8	168.1	441.0
2002-03	1 964	164	17	2 145	261.9	62.8	148.4	201.5	526.2
2003									
March	177	7	1	185	23.2	5.7	15.5	17.4	46.3
April	146	23	4	173	22.5	3.9	9.7	20.5	46.8
May	186	62	3	251	26.8	6.4	15.4	16.0	49.2
June	167	21	1	189	26.9	6.3	15.3	27.6	60.8
July	223	60	1	284	55.3	6.7	8.5	16.3	78.3
August	231	8	8	247	32.6	7.3	10.1	13.0	52.9
September	224	12	15	251	32.6	9.0	6.6	6.6	48.2
October	218	12	8	238	31.5	7.9	13.1	18.1	57.5
November	244	81	—	325	37.3	7.7	18.3	19.4	64.3
December	200	29	—	229	32.7	6.7	15.9	16.0	55.4
2004									
January	176	22	—	198	28.1	4.9	9.8	12.9	45.9
February	184	11	5	200	26.9	6.4	13.3	14.3	47.6
March	256	17	1	274	36.8	9.4	12.3	14.6	60.8

(a) Value data from July 2000 reference month onward are recorded inclusive of GST.

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

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

(d) From alterations and additions to residential building, conversions of non-residential building to residential building etc.

(e) 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. See *Building Approvals, Australia* (cat. no. 8731.0) or page 2 of this publication for more details.

Source: *Building Approvals, Australia* (cat. no. 8731.0).

	Total number of dwellings(a)			Total value of commitments(b)		
	Original	Seasonally adjusted(c)	Trend(c)	Original	Seasonally adjusted(c)	Trend(c)
	no.	no.	no.	\$m	\$m	\$m
2003						
March	1 152	1 109	1 123	114	109	112
April	1 073	1 130	1 152	106	118	116
May	1 281	1 171	1 200	128	117	121
June	1 247	1 284	1 258	128	130	128
July	1 366	1 330	1 306	142	135	133
August	1 303	1 312	1 331	135	135	137
September	1 354	1 371	1 321	144	144	138
October	1 409	1 329	1 281	152	142	137
November	1 176	1 184	1 223	130	130	136
December	1 120	1 142	1 166	136	130	134
2004						
January	917	1 104	1 117	112	137	133
February	979	1 042	1 079	117	124	133
March	1 248	1 099	1 048	156	141	132

(a) Includes new dwellings, established dwellings and refinancing. Excludes alterations and additions.

(b) 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.

(c) New seasonal factors based on the concurrent adjustment method have been incorporated, resulting in revisions to all seasonally adjusted and trend series.

Source: *Housing Finance, Australia* (cat. no. 5609.0).

	Asset			Industry			
	<i>Buildings and structures</i>	<i>Equipment, plant and machinery</i>	<i>Total asset</i>	<i>Mining</i>	<i>Manufacturing</i>	<i>Other selected industries</i>	<i>Total all industries</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
2000-01	134	467	600	87	162	352	600
2001-02	445	518	963	57	154	752	963
2002-03	255	628	883	45	240	599	883
2001							
December	103	107	210	11	42	157	210
2002							
March	136	120	256	17	36	203	256
June	138	169	307	14	35	258	307
September	88	101	189	9	33	147	189
December	55	213	268	13	69	186	268
2003							
March	73	151	224	14	89	121	224
June	39	164	203	9	49	145	203
September	17	143	160	5	33	122	160
December	20	139	159	9	30	120	159

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

(b) Current prices.

(c) See *Private New Capital Expenditure and Expected Expenditure* (cat. no. 5625.0) or page 2 of this issue on the impacts of The New Tax System (TNTS) introduced on 1 July 2000.

Source: *Private New Capital Expenditure and Expected Expenditure* (cat. no. 5625.0).

	<i>Establish- ments(b)</i>	<i>Guest rooms(b)</i>	<i>Bed spaces(b)</i>	<i>Persons employed(b)</i>	<i>Room nights occupied(b)</i>	<i>Room occupancy rate</i>	<i>Guest nights(b)</i>	<i>Bed occupancy rate</i>	<i>Guest arrivals(b)</i>	<i>Takings from accommoda- tion(b)(c)</i>
	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>'000</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>'000</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>'000</i>	<i>\$'000</i>
LICENSED HOTELS WITH FACILITIES										
2002										
December qtr	54	2 867	7 831	2 558	151.4	57.4	244.3	33.9	136.5	14 468
2003										
October	na	na	na	na	55.6	61.0	88.7	34.9	48.4	5 758
November	na	na	na	na	58.1	65.8	92.7	37.7	51.2	6 037
December	na	na	na	na	52.3	57.4	92.2	36.3	50.0	5 686
December qtr	54	2 940	8 199	2 563	166.0	61.4	273.7	36.3	149.5	17 481
MOTELS AND GUEST HOUSES WITH FACILITIES										
2002										
December qtr	55	1 801	5 444	1 019	93.6	56.5	176.3	35.2	97.0	8 921
2003										
October	na	na	na	na	34.8	58.2	64.9	37.2	37.1	3 429
November	na	na	na	na	37.1	64.3	67.8	40.1	37.4	3 683
December	na	na	na	na	31.3	52.4	64.5	36.9	36.2	3 386
December qtr	57	1 926	5 633	1 076	103.2	58.3	197.2	38.0	110.7	10 498
SERVICED APARTMENTS										
2002										
December qtr	31	1 129	3 895	552	70.7	68.1	145.4	40.6	60.6	7 822
2003										
October	na	na	na	na	23.8	66.1	51.4	41.4	22.5	2 913
November	na	na	na	na	25.5	72.9	52.7	43.8	24.7	3 036
December	na	na	na	na	24.3	67.4	58.5	47.1	26.3	3 209
December qtr	32	1 164	4 005	605	73.6	68.8	162.6	44.1	73.4	9 158
TOTAL ESTABLISHMENTS										
2002										
December qtr	140	5 797	17 170	4 129	315.7	59.2	566.1	35.8	294.1	31 211
2003										
October	na	na	na	na	114.2	61.1	205.1	37.1	107.9	12 100
November	na	na	na	na	120.7	66.7	213.2	39.8	113.3	12 756
December	na	na	na	na	108.0	57.8	215.2	38.9	112.4	12 282
December qtr	143	6 030	17 837	4 244	342.8	61.8	633.4	38.6	333.7	37 138

(a) Comprising establishments with 15 or more rooms or units. For explanation of terms and concepts refer to *Tourist Accommodation, Australia* (cat. no. 8635.0).

(b) Break in time series between the March and June quarters 2003. See *Tourist Accommodation, Australia* (cat. no. 8635.0) for details.

(c) 'Takings from accommodation' after 1 July 2000 are recorded inclusive of GST. See *Tourist Accommodation, Australia* (cat. no. 8635.0) or page 2 of this publication for more details.

Source: *Tourist Accommodation, Australia* (cat. no. 8635.0).

	<i>Cradle Mountain(b) (Lake Dove)</i>	<i>Lake St Clair(b) (Cynthia Bay)</i>	<i>Mt Field(c)</i>	<i>Freycinet(c)</i>	<i>Narawntapu(d) (Bakers Beach)</i>	<i>Mole Creek Karst(e) (Marakoopa Cave)</i>	<i>Maria Island(f) (Darlington)</i>
	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>
2000-01	168 700	111 800	138 700	163 600	34 300	26 788	12 820
2001-02	178 600	107 800	105 000	167 800	35 800	26 103	12 598
2002-03	209 000	134 500	116 400	193 700	38 900	28 648	13 337
2003							
April	26 600	16 400	13 300	20 500	3 900	2 837	1 344
May	11 400	6 700	7 700	10 500	1 800	1 652	886
June	8 900	3 700	4 600	7 500	1 700	1 428	489
July	10 200	3 800	4 600	7 600	1 300	929	280
August	8 700	2 800	4 900	7 100	1 600	809	187
September	13 900	6 700	6 900	10 100	2 100	2 077	527
October	17 200	10 500	9 200	15 100	2 500	2 062	774
November	19 500	13 200	12 200	19 800	4 000	2 439	1 174
December	p 26 000	15 400	14 900	23 000	6 000	4 858	1 585
2004							
January	p 34 600	23 000	20 200	26 000	7 000	4 572	2 192
February	p 26 800	r 18 800	17 500	26 100	4 200	2 656	1 617
March	p 26 800	19 200	15 300	22 600	4 400	2 993	1 970
April	nya	14 800	13 000	18 900	3 700	2 850	1 393

(a) For all parks except Narawntapu, the unit of measurement has changed from person entry to person visit. A 'person visit' occurs when a person enters a National Park for purposes of heritage or nature appreciation, or recreation. Repeat entries are not included. Measurement occurs at the designated sites in brackets.

(b) Estimated through a combination of traffic and visitor centre counts.

(c) Estimated through traffic and visitor centre counts and survey findings.

(d) Measured as a person entry, which occurs whenever a visitor enters a site, from a combination of traffic and visitor centre counts.

(e) Number of people taken on a guided tour.

(f) The sum of ferry arrivals. (Ferry off run 28/7/03 until 29/8/03).

Source: *Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Tourism, Parks, Heritage and the Arts.*

	<i>Overland(b)</i>	<i>South Coast(c)</i>	<i>Freycinet(d)</i>	<i>Port Davey(c)</i>	<i>Frenchmans Cap</i>
	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>
2000-01	7 273	915	3 002	208	753
2001-02	7 537	1 099	3 512	229	644
2002-03	8 154	970	3 143	167	826
2003					
April	1 173	91	279	16	115
May	135	12	34	4	33
June	59	4	73	1	14
July	71	2	60	—	11
August	28	—	25	—	4
September	r 148	6	68	—	5
October	r 229	11	66	1	24
November	r 776	78	252	13	31
December	r 1 453	p 262	767	p 53	127
2004					
January	p 1 216	p 282	786	p 52	132
February	p 1 292	p 176	742	p 21	124
March	p 1 001	nya	235	nya	nya
April	p 859	nya	671	nya	nya

(a) Numbers include only walkers who registered and represented their intention.

(b) Sum of registrations at Cradle Mt and Lake St Clair.

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

(d) All overnight walkers registered in the park.

Source: *Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Tourism, Parks, Heritage and the Arts.*

	Passenger vehicles	Other vehicles	Total	Change from corresponding month of previous year
	no.	no.	no.	%
ORIGINAL				
2000-01	9 944	4 693	14 637	..
2001-02	9 467	5 295	14 762	..
2002-03	9 017	6 384	15 401	..
2003				
March	723	495	1 218	11.4
April	631	546	1 177	6.7
May	743	711	1 454	8.3
June	821	728	1 549	19.7
July	802	605	1 407	19.8
August	1 059	530	1 589	21.2
September	1 129	510	1 639	32.3
October	1 295	713	2 008	66.9
November	1 170	547	1 717	22.8
December	1 180	680	1 860	17.4
2004				
January	697	496	1 193	16.4
February	694	603	1 297	21.3
March	749	594	1 343	10.3
TREND				
2000-01	9 890	4 693	14 584	..
2001-02	9 500	5 264	14 762	..
2002-03	9 336	6 376	15 712	..
2003				
March	799	536	1 335	5.0
April	820	549	1 369	8.2
May	850	563	1 413	11.9
June	902	577	1 479	17.1
July	965	590	1 555	23.2
August	1 021	601	1 622	28.7
September	1 050	610	1 660	32.2
October	1 039	619	1 658	32.5
November	994	626	1 620	29.4
December	932	629	1 561	23.9
2004				
January	871	630	1 501	17.7
February	821	630	1 451	11.6
March	782	626	1 408	5.5

(a) These statistics are based on the VFACTS series produced by the Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries. VFACTS reports the numbers of new motor vehicle sales by dealers and direct sales by manufacturers throughout Australia.

Source: Sales of New Motor Vehicles (cat. no. 9314.0.55.001).

								<i>Trend</i>	
	Original	Food retailing	Clothing and soft good retailing	Household good retailing	Recreational good retailing	Hospitality and services	Total(d)	Change from corresponding period of previous year	
								\$m	\$m
2000-01	3 222.4	1 400.9	158.9	479.8	180.8	378.0	3 229.9	6.0	
2001-02	3 384.3	1 450.5	190.1	520.0	192.6	364.8	3 386.9	4.9	
2002-03	3 582.2	1 469.7	199.6	580.3	187.0	400.8	3 595.6	6.2	
2003									
March	296.8	122.7	16.7	48.9	15.1	33.3	301.2	4.7	
April	298.6	123.5	16.7	50.1	15.3	34.2	304.5	5.1	
May	307.4	124.8	16.7	51.5	15.9	35.5	309.2	6.1	
June	287.7	126.5	16.8	53.0	16.8	36.7	314.7	7.7	
July	309.9	128.4	16.8	54.4	17.8	37.7	320.2	9.4	
August	307.0	130.5	16.7	55.5	18.6	38.3	325.3	10.9	
September	309.8	132.5	16.7	56.1	19.1	38.6	329.3	12.0	
October	337.0	134.0	16.8	56.3	19.2	38.5	332.1	12.5	
November	344.3	135.0	16.9	56.3	18.9	38.3	333.5	12.6	
December	433.6	135.4	17.0	56.2	18.6	38.1	334.4	12.5	
2004									
January	341.6	135.7	17.2	56.3	18.4	38.0	335.1	12.4	
February	311.4	135.9	17.3	56.3	18.2	37.9	335.7	12.2	
March	334.5	135.9	17.5	56.3	18.0	37.9	335.9	11.5	

(a) Excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.

(b) ABS retail seasonally adjusted and trend estimates for earlier periods are revised each month. See *Retail Trade, Australia* (cat. no. 8501.0) for more details.

(c) Data from July 2000 reference month onwards are recorded inclusive of GST. See *Retail Trade, Australia* (cat. no. 8501.0) and page 2 of this publication for more details. A break in the trend series occurred between June and July 2000 because of the impact of The New Tax System (TNTS) on retail turnover.

(d) Includes Department stores and Other retailing.

Source: *Retail Trade, Australia* (cat. no. 8501.0).

	Tasmania				Australia			
	Imports	Imports change over preceding period	Exports	Exports change over preceding period	Imports	Imports change over preceding period	Exports(b)	Exports change over preceding period
	\$m	%	\$m	%	\$m	%	\$m	%
2000-01	524	19	2 435	10	118 317	7	119 539	23
2001-02	518	-1	2 388	-2	119 649	1	121 108	1
2002-03	763	47	2 453	3	133 129	11	115 479	-5
2003								
March	30	-35	221	21	10 786	5	9 868	9
April	52	71	205	-7	10 948	1	8 699	-12
May	32	-39	232	13	10 371	-5	8 972	3
June	35	9	162	-30	10 718	3	8 822	-2
July	52	49	182	12	10 604	-1	8 520	-3
August	47	-9	260	43	10 864	2	9 062	6
September	43	-7	168	-35	r 11 456	r 5	9 057	—
October	r 115	r 165	185	10	r 11 925	4	r 9 053	—
November	55	r -52	183	-1	r 10 213	-14	r 8 672	-4
December	42	-23	155	-15	r 10 991	8	r 9 209	6
2004								
January	37	-12	r 172	r 11	r 9 936	-10	r 7 913	-14
February	42	r 12	152	r -12	r 9 462	-5	r 8 391	6
March	40	-4	219	44	11 355	20	9 240	10

(a) 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.

(b) Includes re-exports.

Source: ABS data available on request, *International Trade*.

	European Community			East Asia					Total all countries
	United States of America	United Kingdom	Total European Community	Japan	Korea	Taiwan	Hong Kong	ASEAN(a)	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	
2000-01	229 841	37 169	154 043	573 314	183 972	214 042	252 793	390 642	2 435 416
2001-02	295 301	35 702	129 225	547 903	223 208	153 819	263 275	347 321	2 387 806
2002-03	230 809	39 119	215 837	588 373	247 487	149 217	326 211	303 612	2 453 415
2003									
March	17 017	11 159	26 642	46 931	17 118	10 050	36 933	27 312	221 326
April	21 282	2 102	16 556	50 082	19 832	14 815	22 998	34 999	204 879
May	12 961	2 770	68 150	49 557	16 736	10 509	13 829	23 879	231 732
June	9 449	1 196	6 522	48 338	10 015	8 553	30 289	15 366	162 155
July	30 546	1 887	4 197	47 024	21 087	9 471	19 021	17 178	182 327
August	91 496	1 650	5 063	44 650	15 996	12 299	32 222	26 846	260 083
September	9 177	5 441	14 030	39 379	16 386	13 309	21 860	r 17 293	r 168 390
October	14 212	1 124	7 375	46 160	18 676	12 987	23 769	19 339	184 947
November	7 340	2 620	4 670	53 539	22 099	9 076	25 579	22 696	182 766
December	8 607	1 083	7 393	45 091	r 4 321	12 158	22 180	r 22 241	r 154 803
2004									
January	11 621	1 118	r 5 624	44 763	r 26 215	13 859	r 17 803	15 971	r 172 026
February	r 18 219	r 1 204	r 10 544	r 44 151	r 4 625	r 5 230	r 24 313	r 7 745	r 152 084
March	23 901	1 428	14 495	52 683	30 267	13 225	24 487	18 755	219 135

(a) ASEAN member countries are: Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam.

Source: ABS data available on request, *International Trade*.

	<i>Meat and meat preparations</i>	<i>Dairy product and eggs</i>	<i>Fish, crustaceans and molluscs</i>	<i>Vegetables and fruit</i>	<i>Wood and woodchips(a)</i>	<i>Textile fibres and wastes</i>	<i>Metallic ores and metal scrap</i>
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
2000-01	88 773	101 006	176 737	49 788	31 816	21 248	242 366
2001-02	75 541	114 682	174 885	60 759	43 788	23 797	188 273
2002-03	76 222	89 360	163 468	61 115	38 121	33 189	167 244
2003							
March	7 862	11 672	11 685	9 962	3 643	12 534	10 289
April	7 117	10 044	9 726	13 041	3 434	798	5 772
May	6 689	6 795	10 096	14 396	1 511	296	14 917
June	5 364	4 711	6 421	4 323	1 958	491	16 669
July	5 314	4 992	14 380	2 553	3 375	2 898	9 618
August	4 515	5 195	15 872	1 940	961	657	3 535
September	3 880	4 443	17 105	1 319	2 444	3 076	8 387
October	5 223	8 618	12 519	1 843	5 618	1 677	13 369
November	6 870	7 936	8 914	1 068	3 060	1 179	21 875
December	9 105	6 061	15 515	998	r 5 222	4 712	3 757
2004							
January	9 516	5 201	10 895	2 722	r 4 612	771	8 942
February	r 10 096	5 075	r 7 229	4 085	r 2 583	3 736	r 11 243
March	9 486	8 197	8 009	7 348	1 091	3 825	15 510

	<i>Paper and paperboard</i>	<i>Iron and steel</i>	<i>Non-ferrous metals</i>	<i>Road vehicles and transport equipment</i>	<i>Other and combined confidential items(b)</i>	<i>Total all commodity groups</i>
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
2000-01	3 444	4 209	793 286	107 374	815 368	2 435 416
2001-02	14 208	2 894	762 015	106 156	820 806	2 387 806
2002-03	26 893	2 911	751 109	132 056	911 726	2 453 415
2003						
March	3 347	211	64 981	8 190	76 950	221 326
April	3 760	244	64 288	609	86 046	204 879
May	3 618	47	47 881	56 501	68 985	231 732
June	2 780	236	49 140	822	69 241	162 155
July	2 178	198	66 332	99	70 389	182 327
August	2 015	150	77 432	77 747	70 067	260 083
September	2 086	291	r 49 243	310	75 807	r 168 390
October	2 193	3 137	58 704	564	71 481	184 947
November	1 880	246	61 797	431	67 510	182 766
December	2 463	442	r 35 964	145	70 419	r 154 803
2004						
January	r 2 981	3 135	r 53 344	943	r 68 964	r 172 026
February	r 3 283	78	r 38 718	3	r 65 954	r 152 084
March	4 595	161	72 928	958	87 026	219 135

(a) Hardwood woodchips exports are confidential for Tasmania from June 2000.

(b) Includes medical and pharmaceutical products from January 2002.

Source: ABS data available on request, *International Trade*.

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.(a)
Population							
Estimated resident population, September 2003 ('000) p	6 699.3	4 933.6	3 817.0	1 529.4	1 959.7	478.4	19 941.3
Proportion of Australian population, September 2003 (%) p	33.6	24.7	19.1	7.7	9.8	2.4	100.0
Population growth rate, 12 months to September 2003 (%) p	0.8	1.3	2.3	0.6	1.5	1.1	1.3
Labour force							
Employment growth, April 2003 to April 2004 (trend series) (%)							
Males	2.1	3.0	4.6	0.8	2.4	5.2	2.8
Females	1.2	0.8	1.5	-0.5	1.9	3.5	1.2
Persons	1.7	2.0	3.2	0.3	2.2	4.4	2.1
Unemployment rate, April 2004 (trend series) (%)	5.3	5.7	6.2	6.3	5.3	6.7	5.7
Unemployment growth, April 2003 to April 2004 (trend series) (%)	-11.4	-0.1	-10.3	0.2	-9.3	-20.8	-7.6
Participation rate, April 2004 (trend series) (%)	62.8	63.6	64.8	61.5	65.9	59.3	63.7
Job vacancies % change, February 2003 to February 2004	-4.4	6.6	-7.6	-21.9	-14.5	-33.7	-5.0
Working days lost through industrial disputes, 12 months to December 2003 (days per '000 employees)	52	72	33	19	97	4	53
Wages and prices							
Average weekly full-time adult employees' total earnings (trend series) November 2003(\$)							
Males	1 100.60	1 072.90	996.00	953.30	1 076.80	910.60	1 058.80
Females	895.90	852.70	804.30	823.50	798.30	770.60	854.60
Persons	1 025.70	998.40	927.60	908.80	982.30	865.00	986.50
Average weekly full-time adult employees' total earnings, growth (trend), 12 months to November 2003 (%)	4.9	7.0	7.7	5.6	6.3	1.8	6.1
Consumer price index, all groups, annual growth to March qtr 2004 (%) ^(b)	2.0	1.8	2.5	2.1	1.6	2.1	2.0
Building							
% change in the number of total dwelling units approved (original)							
— in the 12 months ended March 2004, over the same period previous year	-10.3	-1.2	4.4	-0.1	11.8	42.0	-0.7
— March 2003 to March 2004	-3.2	12.4	1.2	-5.5	27.8	48.1	5.8

For footnotes see end of table.

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	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.(a)
Private investment and retail trade							
% change in private new capital expenditure, 12 months ended December 2003 over the same period previous year (original)	2.1	-0.1	5.6	13.8	35.4	-26.9	6.8
% change in trend estimates turnover of retail establishments, March 2004 (change from corresponding month of the previous year)	5.8	9.7	12.7	5.1	7.2	11.5	8.2
Transport							
% change in number of sales of new motor vehicles in the 12 months ended March 2004 over the same period previous year (trend)	7.3	7.8	15.8	14.7	13.5	20.0	10.3
Agriculture							
% change in the number of livestock slaughtered 12 months ended March 2004 over the same period previous year (original)							
Cattle and calves	-15.0	-2.3	16.2	-6.6	30.1	8.8	3.0
Sheep and lambs	21.5	9.8	43.4	1.6	20.1	-21.8	13.3
Tourism — room occupancy rates							
Hotels, motels and guest houses, and serviced apartments with facilities, December qtr 2003 (%)	64.6	61.2	67.3	59.2	59.3	61.8	63.5
Australian National and State Accounts							
% change in Domestic (State) Final Demand(c), Chain Volume measures (trend series)							
September qtr 2003 to December qtr 2003	1.2	0.9	3.1	0.6	1.8	2.1	1.7
December qtr 2002 to December qtr 2003	4.8	3.3	8.5	5.3	9.2	7.0	5.9

(a) Australian totals include the ACT and NT, with the exception of Agriculture, which excludes both.

(b) CPI applies to state capitals.

(c) Total of four types of expenditure: Private investment, Private consumption, Government investment, Government consumption.

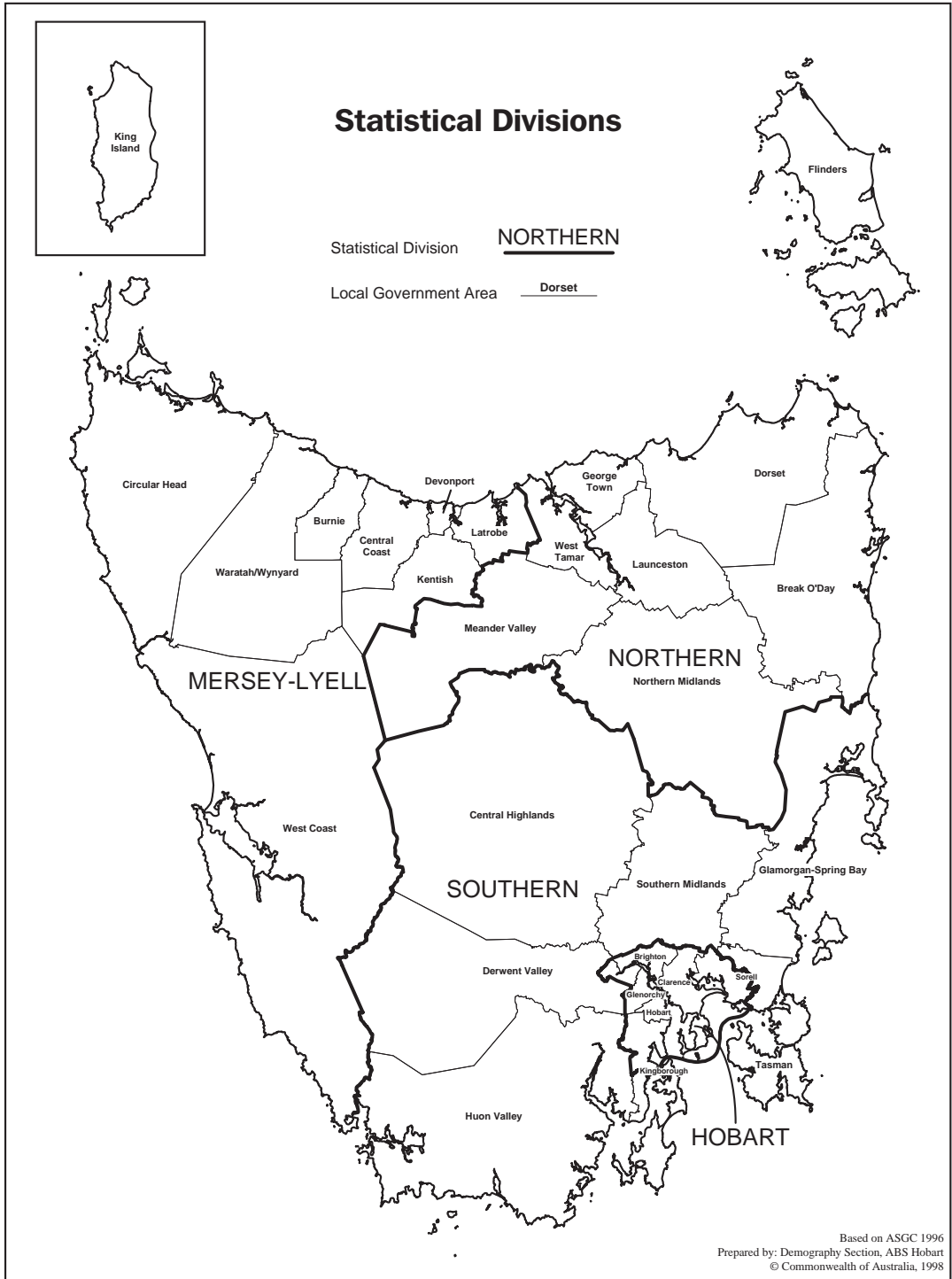
	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Greater Hobart and Southern Statistical Divisions</i>	<i>Northern Statistical Division</i>	<i>Mersey-Lyell Statistical Division</i>	<i>Tasmania</i>
Area(a)	km ²	25 616	19 980	22 523	68 121
Population					
Estimated resident population, 30 June 2001	no.	231 854	133 115	106 826	471 795
Estimated resident population, 30 June 2002	no.	232 713	133 595	106 417	472 725
Births 2001(b)	no.	3 199	1 815	1 397	6 430
Deaths 2001(b)	no.	1 827	1 148	884	3 876
Labour force (original), March 2004					
Total employed	no.	104 800	60 700	48 200	213 700
Total unemployed	no.	7 800	5 400	2 700	16 000
Unemployment rate	%	6.9	8.2	5.4	6.9
Participation rate	%	59.2	61.1	59.5	59.8
Schools, 2002(c)					
Government	no.	98	58	58	214
Non-government	no.	33	17	16	66
Full-time students, 2002(c)					
Government	no.	28 454	18 091	14 963	61 508
Non-government	no.	11 981	4 946	3 915	20 842
All schools	no.	40 435	23 037	18 878	82 350
Educational qualification, 2001 Census(d)					
Postgraduate degree level	no.	3 016	940	386	4 342
Graduate diploma and Graduate certificate level	no.	2 374	850	525	3 749
Bachelor degree level	no.	16 171	7 052	3 821	27 044
Advanced diploma and diploma level	no.	9 613	4 785	3 429	17 827
Certificate level	no.	25 715	15 463	12 953	54 131
Agriculture					
Establishments with agricultural activity, 2001–02 season	no.	1 060	1 471	1 495	4 027
Total area of establishments	ha.	704 091	774 431	296 618	1 775 140
Crops, production, 2001–02 season					
Potatoes	tonnes	7 715	128 560	213 076	350 134
Onions	tonnes	—	18 022	44 942	62 975
Apples	tonnes	36 741	6 234	8 642	51 617
Barley	tonnes	8 765	16 065	1 608	26 438
Livestock, 2001–02 season					
Meat cattle	no.	60 255	169 631	201 886	431 771
Milk cattle	no.	4 389	79 489	103 182	187 060
Sheep and lambs	no.	1 452 094	1 753 403	174 135	3 379 632
Pigs	no.	1 331	13 277	3 177	17 785
Gross value of agricultural production, 2001–02	\$m	170	352	382	903
Building, 2002–03					
Total dwelling units approved	no.	1 216	591	338	2 145
Value of total residential building approved	\$'000	187 915	85 014	51 817	324 746
Value of total building approved	\$'000	289 273	138 639	98 042	525 954
Dwellings, Census 2001					
Total dwellings	no.	102 374	59 307	46 364	208 046
Occupied private dwellings	no.	89 156	51 249	40 766	181 172
Fully owned	no.	35 777	21 570	17 984	75 331

(a) Source: Department of Primary Industries, Water and Environment.

(b) Births and deaths are based on usual residence year of registration. Total Tasmania includes usual residence other than Tasmanian Statistical Divisions.

(c) Source: Tasmanian Department of Education and the Department of Education, Science and Training.

(d) From 2001 the *Australian Standard Classification of Education (ASCED)* (cat. no. 1272.0) replaced the *ABS Classification of Qualifications (ABSCQ)* (cat. no. 1262.0). For further information see ASCED.



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