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FORTHCOMING ISSUES

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April 2001	20 April 2001
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DATA CHANGES

ABS statistical series are being impacted to varying degrees as a result of The New Tax System (TNTS), introduced in Australia from 1 July 2000. TNTS includes the removal of Wholesale Sales Tax and the introduction of a Goods and Services Tax (GST).

THE IMPACT OF THE NEW TAX SYSTEM ON DATA SERIES IN THIS PUBLICATION

Users of Building Approvals data should exercise caution when analysing movements in the value series over the next few months as they have been affected in a number of ways. For further information see *Building Approvals, Australia* (Cat. no. 8731.0).

Users of Capital Expenditure data should exercise caution when analysing estimates of expected expenditure for 2000–01 financial year. Businesses in the Survey of New Capital Expenditure have been asked to report expected expenditure for 2000–01 financial year based on the cost to them under TNTS. For further information see *Private New Capital Expenditure, State Estimates* (Cat. no. 5646.0).

Users of Retail data should exercise caution when analysing movements in the series over time. Estimates of retail turnover in both original and seasonally adjusted terms reflect unusually large spending ahead of the GST. The trend series attempts to measure underlying behaviour and, in the short term, this measurement may be adversely affected by an unusual influence in the original and seasonally adjusted data. For further information see *Retail Trade, Australia* (Cat. no. 8501.0).

SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

km ²	square kilometres
n.a.	not available
no.	number
n.p.	not available for publication
nip	30 mls
p	preliminary
qtr	quarter
'000	thousands
%	per cent
. .	not applicable
*	Represents data with a standard error of greater than 25%. Caution should be exercised when using this data.
—	nil or rounded to zero

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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

UPDATED SERIES

Series updated since the February 2001 issue are: average weekly earnings, building approvals, established house price index, housing finance, international merchandise trade, labour force, new motor vehicle registrations, state accounts, retail trade and wage cost index. The feature article this month, on page 6, is Population Growth in the ACT.

Average weekly earnings Trend full-time adult ordinary time earnings in the ACT was \$937.30 in the November quarter 2000, an increase of \$15.70 (1.7%) from the August quarter 2000. Similarly, there was a rise of 1.7% in the trend total average earnings in the ACT from \$753.60 in the August quarter to \$766.10 in the November quarter. National trend total average earnings was \$650.00 in the November quarter 2000, up \$6.00 (0.9%) compared with the August quarter 2000.

Building approvals The trend number of dwelling units approved in the ACT in January 2001, 169, was an increase of 3.7% from the previous month, and a decrease of 23.2% from January 2000. Nationally, the trend number of dwelling units approved in January 2001 increased by 2.6% to 10,234 dwelling units since the previous month.

The value of non-residential building approvals (original series) for the ACT in January 2001 was \$20m.

The value of total building approvals in the ACT in January 2001 was \$48.1m, up 67.6% from the previous month and up 15.6% compared with January 2000. Nationally, the value of total building approvals in January 2001 was \$2,592.3m, up 8.2% from the previous month and down 11.1% compared with January 2000.

Established house price index The established house price index for the ACT during the December quarter 2000 increased by 2.1% from the previous quarter and was up by 7.6% from the same period last year. Nationally, the established house price index increased by 2.4% from the previous quarter and was up by 6.6% from the December quarter 1999.

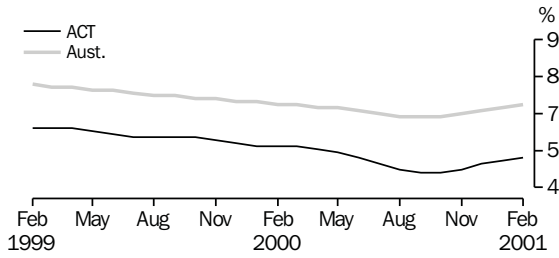
Housing finance The trend number of dwelling units financed (including refinancing) in the ACT in January 2001 was 757, an increase of 1.2% from the previous month. The trend estimate for the value of commitments in the ACT in January 2001 increased by 1.1% compared with the previous month to \$92m. Nationally, the trend number of dwelling units financed (including refinancing) was 46,099, up 0.9% compared with the previous month, while the trend estimate for the value of commitments also increased by 2.2% to \$6,045m compared with the previous month.

Labour force At February 2001, the trend unemployment rate for the ACT increased 0.1 percentage points from January 2001 to 5%, and was down 0.4 percentage points since February 2000. The number of persons unemployed rose 2.3% to 8,800 compared with the previous month and decreased 6.4% compared with February 2000. ACT trend employment in February 2001 decreased from the previous month by 0.6% to 167,500 persons and increased 1.3% over the last 12 months. The trend ACT

Labour force <i>continued</i>	participation rate for February 2001 fell by 0.4 percentage points to 72.4% while the national rate remained steady at 63.5%. Nationally, trend employment remained steady at 9,084,800 persons in February 2001, while the trend unemployment increased by 1.3% to 659,200 persons. The national trend unemployment rate in February 2001 increased from the previous month by 0.1 percentage points to 6.8%.
New motor vehicle registrations	The trend estimate for ACT new motor vehicle registrations in January 2001 was 1,226, up 1.2% from the previous month and up 8.6% from January 2000. Nationally, the trend for total new motor vehicle registrations in January 2001 increased to 69,498, up 0.9% from December 2000 and an increase of 12% from January 2000.
Retail turnover	Trend retail turnover in the ACT for January 2001 was \$266m, an increase of 0.9% from the previous month, and 14.4% compared with January 2000. Nationally, trend retail turnover was up 0.4% from the previous month and 5.5% compared with the previous year.
State accounts	In the ACT, the trend state final demand (chain volume measures) decreased by 2% to \$4,693m in the December quarter 2000, compared with \$4,789m in the September quarter 2000. The December quarter 2000 figure was down 0.2% compared with the December quarter 1999. Nationally, trend domestic final demand (chain volume measures) was down 0.7% compared with the September quarter 2000 and was up 0.5% compared with the December quarter 1999.
Wage cost index	The total wage cost index increased 0.8% from the previous quarter and 3.6% from the December quarter 1999. The public sector wage cost index in the ACT for the December quarter 2000 increased 0.8% from the previous quarter and 3.1% from the December quarter 1999. The private sector wage cost index increased 0.5% from the September quarter 2000 and 4.2% from the December quarter 1999. Nationally, the total wage cost index increased 0.8% from the previous quarter and 3.4% from the December quarter 1999.

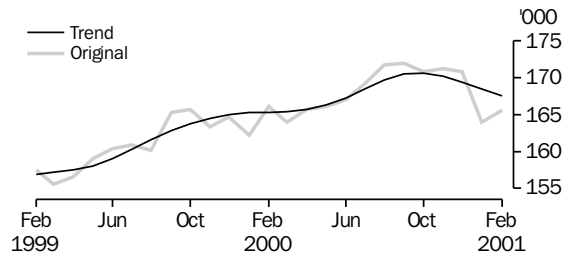
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UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: Trend



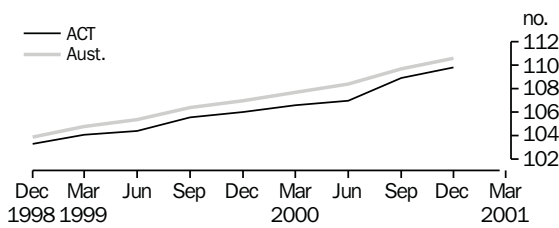
Source: Labour Force, Australia (Cat. no. 6202.0).

EMPLOYED PERSONS



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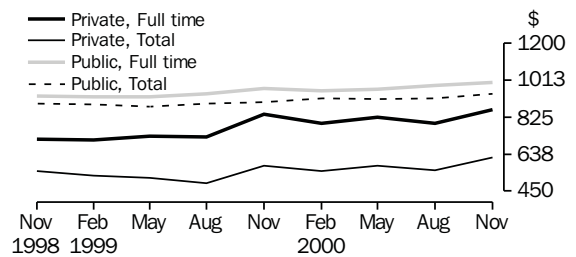
WAGE COST INDEX(a)



(a) Total hourly rates of pay excluding bonuses.

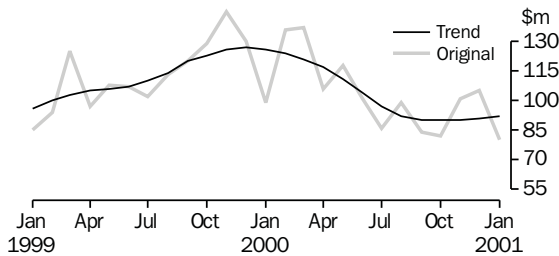
Source: Wage Cost Index, Australia (Cat. no. 6345.0).

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS: original series



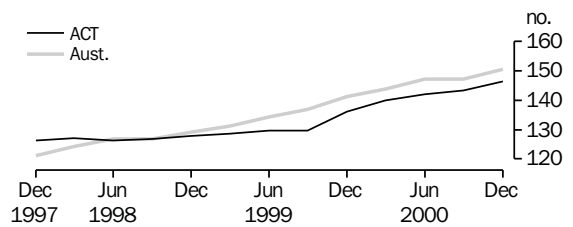
Source: Average Weekly Earnings, Australia (Cat. no. 6302.0).

HOUSING FINANCE



Source: Housing Finance, Australia (Cat. no. 5609.0).

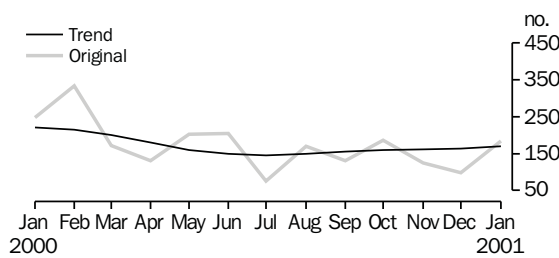
ESTABLISHED HOUSE PRICE INDEX



Base of index 1989-90 = 100.0

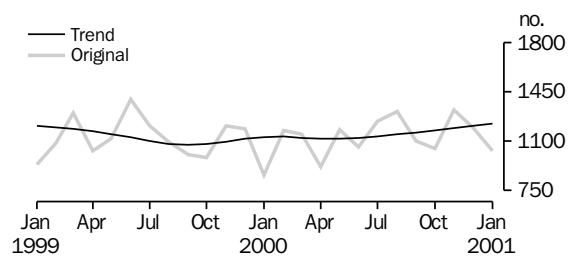
Source: House Price Indexes, Australia (Cat. no. 6416.0).

BUILDING APPROVALS, Dwelling units approved



Source: Building Approvals, Australia (Cat. no. 8731.0).

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS



Source: New Motor Vehicle Registrations, Australia (Cat. no. 9301.0).

In the year to June 2000, the population of the ACT increased by 1,500 people (or 0.5%) to 310,800. Natural increase contributed 2,600 people while population was lost due to overseas migration (-260) and interstate migration (-840). The ACT growth rate for the year ended 30 June 2000 of 0.5% was slightly higher than the average annual growth for the five years to June 2000 (0.4%).

Gungahlin-Hall continued as the ACT's principal region of population growth, with an increase of 1,600 people (up 8.9% in the year to June 2000). Increases in population were also recorded for Belconnen (up 340) and North Canberra (up 210), while Tuggeranong (-230), Weston Creek-Stromlo (-250) and Woden Valley (-110) experienced population losses.

At the suburban level, Nicholls had the largest population increase in the ACT, of 490 people, while Ngunnawal and Amaroo recorded the second and third largest increases (up 480 and 470) respectively.

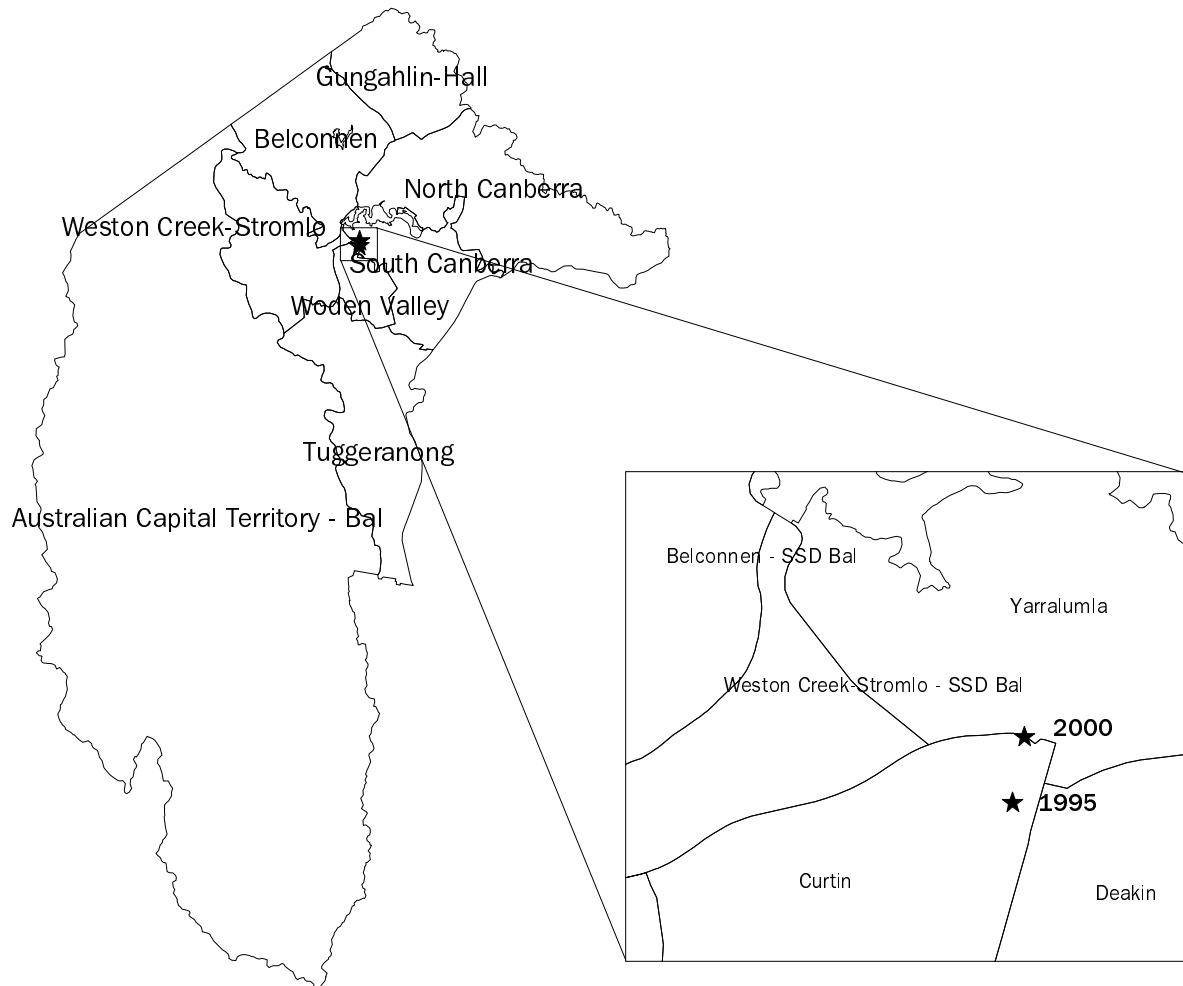
Strong population growth was also recorded in inner Canberra, with apartment dwellings accounting for an increase of 180 people in the City. Watson, with recently completed townhouse developments, experienced the fifth largest increase in population in the ACT, up by 330 people.

The largest population declines in the year to June 2000 occurred in Campbell and Kambah which each lost 120 people (-3.8% and -0.7% respectively). O'Connor and Griffith each lost 100 people (-2.1% and -2.4% respectively).

Over the five years to June 2000 the centre of the ACT's population has moved 0.5km northward, to the border of Curtin and Yarralumla Statistical Local Areas. This movement reflects the population growth experienced in the outer northern suburbs over this period.

Australia is a sparsely settled continent with an overall population density of around 2 people per km² at June 2000. Population density varies across the States and Territories, being highest in the ACT, at 130 people per km².

CENTRE OF POPULATION ACT, JUNE 1995 AND JUNE 2000



Source: *Regional Population Growth, Australia and New Zealand, (Cat. no. 3218.0)*

Indicator	Unit	ACT			Aust.		
		% change from			% change from		
		Latest figure	Previous period	Same period previous year	Latest figure	Previous period	Same period previous year
POPULATION, VITALS AND LABOUR							
POPULATION, Jun qtr 2000	'000	310.8	—	0.5	19 157.0	0.3	1.2
Natural increase	no.	633	-9.6	-12.2	33 179	11.8	9.5
Net migration	no.	-550	-833.3	-119.1	18 430	-22.2	6.4
<i>Total growth</i>	no.	83	-89.3	-82.3	51 609	-3.3	8.4
LABOUR FORCE, Feb 01							
Original series							
Employed	'000	165.6	1.0	-0.3	9 047.1	1.1	1.6
Unemployed	'000	10.2	5.2	-1.0	748.9	8.6	4.2
Unemployment rate	%	5.8	0.2	-0.1	7.6	0.4	0.1
Participation rate	%	72.2	0.8	-1.4	63.9	1.0	0.3
Long-term unemployed, Jan 01	no.	1 466	-32.7	-26.2	152 351	-5.1	-18.3
Long-term unemployed as percentage of total unemployed, Jan 01	%	15.1	-12.8	-3.9	22.1	-3.1	-4.7
Trend series, Feb 01							
Employed	'000	167.5	-0.6	1.3	9 084.8	—	1.5
Unemployed	'000	8.8	2.3	-6.4	659.2	1.3	0.7
Unemployment rate	%	5.0	0.1	-0.4	6.8	0.1	—
Participation rate	%	72.4	-0.4	-0.5	63.5	—	0.1
WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS							
Number employed—Trend series, Sep qtr 2000							
Private sector	'000	83.2	-2.1	2.1	5 870.7	1.2	3.0
Public sector	'000	70.0	0.9	3.6	1 453.6	-0.4	0.4
<i>Total</i>	'000	153.2	-0.8	2.7	7 324.3	0.8	2.5
Gross earnings—Original series, Sep qtr 2000							
Private sector	\$m	633.0	4.4	5.1	49 691.4	3.5	5.3
Public sector	\$m	1 000.8	21.4	9.8	16 124.0	7.1	2.6
<i>Total</i>	\$m	1 633.7	14.1	7.9	65 815.4	4.4	4.6
JOB VACANCIES, Nov qtr 2000	'000	3.5	16.7	-7.9	118.2	-7.4	14.5
INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES IN PROGRESS, Oct 2000							
Working days lost	'000	—	—	-100.0	29.3	-5.5	-27.5
Days lost per '000 employees (year ended Oct 2000)	no.	7.0	-12.5	-79.4	81.0	-2.4	9.5
HOUSING AND BUILDING ACTIVITY							
HOUSING FINANCE, Jan 01							
Secured commitments to individuals for							
Original series							
Construction of dwellings	\$m	5.0	-37.5	-50.0	462.0	-9.4	-38.7
Purchase of new dwellings	\$m	5.0	—	66.7	224.0	7.7	20.4
Purchase of established dwellings	\$m	70.0	-23.9	-19.5	4 616.0	-9.2	9.0
Re-financing	\$m	11.0	-8.3	10.0	1 051.0	-11.0	31.5
<i>Total housing commitments</i>	\$m	80.0	-23.8	-19.2	5 302.0	-8.6	2.5
Seasonally adjusted series							
Total housing commitments	\$m	86.0	-18.1	-27.7	6 073.0	-4.3	-7.2
Trend series							
Total housing commitments	\$m	92.0	1.1	-27.0	6 045.0	2.2	-8.0
Dwelling units financed	no.	757	1.2	-22.4	46 099	0.9	-2.6
PRICE INDEX							
Established house price index, Dec qtr 2000	no.	146.4	2.1	7.6	150.6	2.4	6.6
BUILDING APPROVALS, Jan 01							
Original series							
Dwelling units	no.	184	89.7	-25.8	8 830	-3.0	-35.3
Value of new residential	\$m	25.7	86.2	-12.3	1 193.2	-4.3	-33.0
Value of residential alterations and additions	\$m	2.4	-11.1	-54.7	231.7	-15.3	-3.2
Value of non-residential	\$m	20.0	63.9	181.7	1 167.3	33.3	30.4
<i>Value of total building</i>	\$m	48.1	67.6	15.6	2 592.3	8.2	-11.1
Trend series							
Dwelling units	no.	169	3.7	-23.2	10 234	2.6	-35.9

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Indicator	Unit	ACT			Aust.		
		% change from			% change from		
		Latest figure	Previous period	Same period previous year	Latest figure	Previous period	Same period previous year
HOUSING AND BUILDING ACTIVITY continued							
BUILDING COMMENCEMENTS, Sep qtr 2000							
New houses	no.	234	-44.7	-10.3	19 255	-35.8	-32.4
Value of houses commenced	\$m	36.3	-39.5	-5.7	2 705.2	-33.1	-25.4
Value of non-residential building commenced	\$m	26.4	-78.2	-19.8	2 637.9	-23.8	-11.2
Value of total commencements	\$m	87.6	-59.5	-30.4	7 356.5	-26.4	-21.4
ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION, Sep qtr 2000							
Private sector							
Value of work commenced	\$m	23.9	-53.5	-2.8	2 263.7	-18.2	-24.2
Value of work done	\$m	33.2	-31.3	0.3	2 725.4	-6.1	-14.7
Value of work yet to be done	\$m	43.6	-22.3	60.9	4 969.2	-0.4	-8.7
Public sector							
Value of work done	\$m	22.2	-28.2	-23.7	1 678.1	-24.9	5.0
PRICES, WAGES AND CONSUMER SPENDING							
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, Dec qtr 2000(a)							
Food	no.	135.9	1.3	3.8	133.4	0.8	3.5
Housing(b)	no.	107.1	0.4	10.2	107.7	0.3	8.1
Transportation(b)	no.	139.3	0.5	6.0	136.4	0.6	7.9
All groups	no.	131.1	0.3	6.0	131.3	0.3	5.8
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, Nov qtr 2000							
Full-time adult ordinary time earnings							
Original series							
Males	\$	1 018.2	2.6	6.8	850.1	0.2	4.9
Females	\$	856.0	2.9	3.4	719.0	1.1	5.2
Persons	\$	939.1	2.4	4.6	802.5	0.6	5.1
Trend series							
Males	\$	1 013.1	1.8	7.8	853.0	1.0	5.3
Females	\$	852.0	1.8	5.5	719.7	1.4	5.4
Persons	\$	937.3	1.7	6.1	804.7	1.2	5.5
WAGE COST INDEX, Dec qtr 2000(c)							
Public sector	no.	109.1	0.8	3.1	111.2	0.8	3.1
Private sector	no.	110.7	0.5	4.2	110.4	0.8	3.5
Total	no.	109.8	0.8	3.6	110.6	0.8	3.4
RETAIL TURNOVER, Jan 01							
Trend series							
Food retailing	\$m	96.5	0.4	13.8	5 111.7	0.4	4.6
Department stores	\$m	26.1	-0.8	2.0	1 090.9	-0.2	1.6
Hospitality and services	\$m	45.8	2.7	34.7	2 267.6	0.4	7.8
All other retailing	\$m	97.6	1.1	10.7	4 378.0	0.6	6.4
Total	\$m	266.0	0.9	14.4	12 848.2	0.4	5.5

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

(b) The 14th Series Australian Consumer Price Index was introduced September quarter 2000. Some changes include an updated commodity classification and weighting pattern and changes in composition of some groups. For more details of changes, refer to Information Paper: Introduction of the 14th Series Australian Consumer Price Index (Cat. no. 6456.0) released 29 September 2000.

(c) Base of each index is September quarter 1997 = 100.0.

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Indicator	Unit	ACT			Aust.		
		% change from			% change from		
		Latest figure	Previous period	Same period previous year	Latest figure	Previous period	Same period previous year
TOURIST ACCOMMODATION, Sep qtr 2000							
Original series							
Room nights occupied	'000	262.4	-11.5	-7.9	10 448.6	4.5	0.5
Room occupancy rate	%	56.8	-7.9	-9.6	58.4	1.3	-2.4
Guest nights	'000	443.5	-8.9	-8.0	18 588.8	7.0	-0.2
Guest arrivals	'000	201.8	-9.4	-11.1	7 978.9	1.7	-3.9
Takings from accommodation	\$'000	28 747.0	-4.5	1.8	1 302 158.0	25.3	20.8
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS, Jan 01							
Original series	no.	1 032	-13.8	20.3	55 629	-24.2	10.7
Seasonally adjusted series	no.	1 231	0.3	9.6	66 921	-11.1	2.0
Trend series	no.	1 226	1.2	8.6	69 498	0.9	12.0
STATE ACCOUNTS, Dec qtr 2000							
Trend series (chain volume measure)(a)(b)							
General government final consumption expenditure	\$m	2 343	-3.5	-1.7	28 994	-0.5	1.7
Household final consumption expenditure	\$m	1 776	0.6	5.9	94 635	0.5	2.8
Private gross fixed capital formation	\$m	328	-9.9	-13.9	28 485	-5.4	-7.2
Public gross fixed capital formation	\$m	243	4.7	-8.0	6 886	2.5	-1.1
State final demand	\$m	4 693	-2.0	-0.2	158 953	-0.7	0.5
GROSS STATE PRODUCT (trend, chain volume measures), 1999-2000(b)							
	\$m	12 669	4.9	..	620 963	4.3	..
PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, Sep qtr 2000							
Original series (at current prices)							
Buildings and structures	\$m	31	29.2	82.4	2 665	-17.4	-15.0
Equipment, plant and machinery	\$m	50	-41.9	-10.7	7 306	-10.2	-2.8
Total	\$m	81	-26.4	12.5	9 971	-12.2	-6.4
Trend series (at current prices)							
Buildings and structures	\$m	29	11.5	52.6	3 012	3.1	5.1
Equipment, plant and machinery	\$m	60	-16.7	7.1	7 523	-0.3	-0.8
Total	\$m	89	-9.2	18.7	10 535	0.6	0.9
INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE, Dec qtr 2000							
Imports	\$m	1	-50.0	—	31376	3.5	8.8
Exports	\$m	8	60.0	-20.0	31369	9.9	26.3
BUSINESS EXPECTATIONS, TRADING PERFORMANCE, OPERATING INCOME							
Short term, expected change previous quarter, Mar qtr 01	%	4.1	..	..	-3.0	..	..
Medium term, expected change previous year, Dec qtr 01	%	4.3	..	..	1.5	..	..

(a) Quarterly state final demand details are released as a special data service (Cat. no. 5206.0.40.001).

(b) Reference year for chain volume measures is 1998-99.

Source: Australian Demographic Statistics (Cat. no. 3101.0); Australian National Accounts: Quarterly State Details (Cat. no. 5206.0.40.001); Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia (Cat. no. 6302.0); Building Activity, Australia (Cat. no. 8752.0); Building Approvals, Australia (Cat. no. 8731.0); Consumer Price Index (Cat. no. 6401.0); Housing Finance, Australia (Cat. no. 5609.0); House Price Indexes (Cat. no. 6416.0); Industrial Disputes, Australia (Cat. no. 6321.0); Job Vacancies, Australia (Cat. no. 6354.0); Labour Force, Australia, Preliminary (Cat. no. 6202.0); New Motor Vehicle Registrations, Australia Preliminary (Cat. no. 9301.0); Private New Capital Expenditure, State Estimates (Cat. no. 5646.0); Retail Trade, Australia (Cat. no. 8501.0); Tourist Accommodation, Australia (Cat. no. 8635.0); Wage Cost Index, Australia (Cat. no. 6345.0).

Indicator	Unit	Latest period	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
POPULATION	'000	Jun qtr 00	6 463.5	4 765.9	3 566.4	1 497.6	1 883.9	470.4	195.5	310.8	19 157.0
LABOUR FORCE , trend series											
Employed persons	'000	Feb 01	3 017.9	2 312.0	1 680.9	672.6	941.6	201.8	93.0	167.5	9 084.8
Unemployment rate	%	Feb 01	6.1	6.2	8.4	7.4	6.4	9.0	6.2	5.0	6.8
WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS , trend series											
Private sector	'000	Sep qtr 00	1 963.1	1 595.4	1 031.7	426.3	600.9	114.8	55.3	83.2	5 870.7
Public sector	'000	Sep qtr 00	461.8	303.8	293.5	112.7	148.8	40.7	22.3	70.0	1 453.6
Total	'000	Sep qtr 00	2 424.9	1 899.2	1 325.2	539.0	749.7	155.5	77.6	153.2	7 324.3
STATE ACCOUNTS											
Gross state product (chain volume measures)(a)	\$m	1999-00	221 375	157 915	103 691	41 381	66 525	11 367	6 466	12 669	620 963
PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE											
Total (at current prices), trend series	\$m	Sep qtr 00	4 166	2 620	1 686	668	1 069	138	76	89	10 535
BUILDING APPROVALS											
Dwelling units approved, original series	no.	Jan 01	2 696	2 607	1 723	432	1 051	93	44	184	8 830
Dwelling units approved, trend series	no.	Jan 01	3 152	3 099	2 027	577	1 182	85	41	169	10 234
Value of non-residential building approved, original series	\$m	Jan 01	552.9	266.8	202.9	35.2	63.5	16.5	9.5	20.0	1 167.3
Value of all buildings approved, original series	\$m	Jan 01	1 000.6	727.3	451.1	95.3	222.7	29.4	17.8	48.1	2 592.3
ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION , original series											
Value of engineering construction work done	\$m	Sep Qtr 00	1 534.6	773.4	1 247.8	252.1	457.3	40.9	42.0	55.3	4 403.4
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS , trend series											
Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	\$	Nov qtr 00	845.2	779.6	755.3	762.8	821.1	743.2	810.0	937.3	804.7
RETAIL TRADE TURNOVER , trend series	\$m	Jan 01	4 432.2	3 073.9	2 428.9	960.4	1 260.2	283.9	134.8	266.0	12 848.2
TOURIST ACCOMMODATION , original series											
Room nights occupied	'000	Sep qtr 00	3 543.3	1 608.7	2 982.4	516.0	945.5	191.0	399.3	262.4	10 448.6
Room occupancy rate	%	Sep qtr 00	59.7	56.2	61.8	53.5	53.9	37.8	69.4	56.8	58.4
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS , trend series	no.	Jan 01	23 326	19 601	12 804	4 452	6 096	1 366	627	1 226	69 498
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX(b)	Unit	Latest period	Syd.	Melb.	Bris.	Adel.	Perth	Hob.	Dar.	Canb.	Aust.
Food	no.	Dec qtr 00	134.6	132.8	131.9	134.2	132.7	132.0	132.5	135.9	133.4
Housing	no.	Dec qtr 00	116.1	98.3	112.7	103.9	101.3	105.8	123.9	107.1	107.7
Transportation	no.	Dec qtr 00	138.0	135.6	134.1	137.6	136.3	130.4	131.1	139.3	136.4
All Groups	no.	Dec qtr 00	132.2	130.8	131.6	132.5	128.8	131.2	130.6	131.1	131.3
AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES											
Milk, carton, supermarket sales	1 litre	Dec qtr 00	133	146	141	133	142	126	152	123	..
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales	650 g(c)	Dec qtr 00	240	249	224	220	225	237	230	234	..
Beef, rump steak	1 kg	Dec qtr 00	1 255	1 129	1 115	1 284	1 249	1 116	1 195	1 284	..
Chicken, frozen	1 kg	Dec qtr 00	366	330	294	311	363	369	424	370	..
Potatoes	1 kg	Dec qtr 00	120	158	127	81	152	113	142	131	..
Coffee, instant (jar)	150 g	Dec qtr 00	597	584	605	550	631	666	609	615	..
Scotch nip, public bar	30 ml	Dec qtr 00	375	366	312	398	414	303	373	316	..
Private motoring petrol											
Leaded	1 litre	Dec qtr 00	98.6	96.6	86.5	96.6	97.0	97.6	106.1	100.2	..
Unleaded	1 litre	Dec qtr 00	95.5	93.6	83.4	93.5	94.1	95.1	103.2	97.1	..

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(c) 680g in Hobart and Darwin.

Indicator	Latest period	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
POPULATION	Jun qtr 00	0.3	0.3	0.4	—	0.3	—	0.5	—	0.3
LABOUR FORCE , trend series										
Employed persons	Feb 01	-0.1	0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.2	—	0.1	-0.6	—
Unemployment rate	Feb 01	1.7	—	1.2	—	1.6	-1.1	1.6	0.1	0.1
WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS , trend series										
Private sector	Sep qtr 00	0.8	2.1	0.5	1.7	1.6	-0.3	-1.4	-2.1	1.2
Pubic sector	Sep qtr 00	-0.7	-1.4	0.3	-1.2	0.7	-0.7	—	0.9	-0.4
Total	Sep qtr 00	0.5	1.6	0.5	1.0	1.4	-0.4	-1.0	-0.8	0.8
STATE ACCOUNTS										
Gross state product (chain volume measures)(a)	1999-00	3.7	4.6	6.3	3.5	4.6	1.1	—	4.9	4.3
PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE										
Total (at current prices), trend series	Sep qtr 00	5.3	-1.4	-6.0	3.7	-7.8	7.8	-29.0	-9.2	0.6
BUILDING APPROVALS										
Dwelling units approved, original series	Jan 01	0.9	-15.8	6.4	-5.7	-1.3	63.2	18.9	89.7	-3.0
Dwelling units approved, trend series	Jan 01	2.2	5.8	2.7	2.5	1.3	-4.5	-10.9	3.7	2.6
Value of non-residential building approved, original series	Jan 01	183.4	-14.2	-15.1	-33.1	45.6	33.1	-4.0	63.9	33.3
Value of all buildings approved, original series	Jan 01	47.9	-16.2	-3.2	-16.5	9.0	33.6	9.9	67.6	8.2
ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION , original series										
Value of engineering construction work done	Sep Qtr 00	-14.6	-10.1	-1.2	-27.4	-31.2	-43.7	-20.6	43.2	16.7
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS , trend series										
Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Nov qtr 00	1.2	0.4	1.5	2.2	1.1	0.4	0.8	1.7	1.2
RETAIL TRADE TURNOVER , trend series	Jan 01	0.1	0.9	0.4	0.9	-0.4	0.6	—	0.9	0.4
TOURIST ACCOMMODATION , original series										
Room nights occupied	Sep qtr 00	6.6	-1.2	11.4	-3.8	1.2	-23.1	12.6	-11.5	4.5
Room occupancy rate	Sep qtr 00	2.8	-1.6	9.4	-5.1	-0.9	-23.9	10.2	-7.9	1.3
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS , trend series	Jan 01	0.7	3.1	-0.8	1.3	-1.4	0.2	-1.6	1.2	0.9
	Latest period	Syd.	Melb.	Bris.	Adel.	Perth	Hob.	Dar.	Canb.	Aust.
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX(b)										
Food	Dec qtr 00	0.9	0.9	0.4	0.3	-0.2	0.8	1.1	1.3	0.8
Housing	Dec qtr 00	0.3	0.5	0.6	—	—	0.3	—	0.4	0.3
Transportation	Dec qtr 00	1.0	0.8	-0.4	0.6	0.2	-2.2	0.4	0.5	0.6
All Groups	Dec qtr 00	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	-0.1	0.5	0.3	0.3
AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES (cents)										
Milk, carton, supermarket sales	Dec qtr 00	—	-0.7	-0.7	-2.9	-1.4	-2.3	2.0	0.8	..
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales	Dec qtr 00	1.7	1.2	3.2	0.5	1.8	-0.8	2.7	0.4	..
Beef, rump steak	Dec qtr 00	2.6	1.4	1.0	6.8	9.3	3.3	-7.9	4.0	..
Chicken, frozen	Dec qtr 00	-0.8	-6.5	-16.9	-8.3	0.8	13.5	2.4	0.5	..
Potatoes	Dec qtr 00	10.1	17.0	13.4	8.0	12.6	9.7	5.2	8.3	..
Coffee, instant (jar)	Dec qtr 00	-4.3	-6.3	0.2	-0.2	10.7	1.7	12.2	-3.3	..
Scotch nip, public bar	Dec qtr 00	1.1	-0.5	0.3	3.4	0.7	2.4	0.8	2.3	..
Private motoring petrol										
Leaded	Dec qtr 00	2.8	1.8	-1.1	1.3	—	-4.5	2.2	1.6	..
Unleaded	Dec qtr 00	2.7	1.7	-1.4	1.0	0.1	-4.8	2.3	1.6	..

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