



**MONTHLY SUMMARY  
OF STATISTICS**

**QUEENSLAND**

EMBARGO: 11:30AM (CANBERRA TIME) TUE 31 AUG 1999

**C O N T E N T S**

	<i>page</i>
Notes .....	2
 TABLES	
List of tables. ....	3
Population and vital. ....	5
Employment and unemployment. ....	7
Wages, prices and production. ....	10
Building. ....	17
Finance. ....	20
Trade. ....	25
Transport. ....	28
Tourist accommodation. ....	30
Meteorology. ....	31

- For further information about these and related statistics, contact Martin Smart on Brisbane 07 3222 6232, or Client Services in any ABS office as shown on the back cover of this publication.

## NOTES

### FORTHCOMING ISSUES

<i>ISSUE</i>	<i>RELEASE DATE</i>
October 1999	30 September 1999
November 1999	29 October 1999
December 1999	30 November 1999
January 2000	30 December 1999
February 2000	31 January 2000
March 2000	29 February 2000

### INTRODUCTION

Statistics shown in this publication are the latest available at the time of preparation. In a number of cases, figures appearing in this summary are preliminary and are subject to revision in subsequent issues. Reference should therefore always be made to the latest issue or to the statistical publication on the specific subject when figures are not shown.

Current publications produced by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications and Products* (Cat. no. 1101.0). The ABS also issues the *Release Advice* (Cat. no. 1105.0) on Tuesdays and Fridays which lists publications to be released in the next few days. Both the Catalogue and the Release Advice are available from any ABS office or the ABS website.

Following a review of content, a small amount of data previously published will no longer be included. If data which was previously included cannot be found, please contact Martin Smart on Brisbane 07 3222 6232.

### EFFECTS OF ROUNDING

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

### SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

n.a.	not available
n.p.	not available for publication but included in totals where applicable, unless otherwise indicated
n.y.a.	not yet available
*	subject to sampling variability too high for most practical purposes
. .	not applicable
—	nil or rounded to zero
—	break in continuity of series

Brian Doyle,  
Regional Director, Queensland

## LIST OF TABLES

			Page
POPULATION AND VITAL	<b>1</b>	Population	5
	<b>2</b>	Estimated resident population	5
	<b>3</b>	Vital statistics	6
	<b>4</b>	Overseas arrivals and departures	6
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT	<b>5</b>	Labour force status of the civilian population aged 15 years and over	7
	<b>6</b>	Civilian labour force	8
	<b>7</b>	Duration of unemployment	9
WAGES, PRICES AND PRODUCTION	<b>8</b>	Wage and salary earners	10
	<b>9</b>	Wage and salary earners, by industry division	10
	<b>10</b>	Job vacancies and overtime	11
	<b>11</b>	Industrial disputes causing stoppage of work	11
	<b>12</b>	Average weekly earnings of employees	12
	<b>13</b>	Consumer price index, Brisbane	12
	<b>14</b>	Average retail prices of selected items, Brisbane	13
	<b>15</b>	Price index of materials used in building, Brisbane	15
	<b>16</b>	Manufacturing and foreign trade price indexes, Australia	16
	<b>17</b>	Livestock slaughtered and production of selected commodities	17
BUILDING	<b>18</b>	Engineering construction	17
	<b>19</b>	Building activity	18
	<b>20</b>	Building activity, new dwelling units, by type and stage of construction	18
	<b>21</b>	Building approvals	19
FINANCE	<b>22</b>	Housing finance for owner occupation	20
	<b>23</b>	Selected financial institutions, loans outstanding	22
	<b>24</b>	Lease, commercial and personal finance	22
	<b>25</b>	Secured housing finance commitments, by type of borrower	23
	<b>26</b>	All banks, deposits and lending	23
	<b>27</b>	State final demand, chain volume measures, original	24
	<b>28</b>	New fixed capital expenditure, by industry group and type of asset	24
	<b>29</b>	Value of interstate exports	25
TRADE	<b>30</b>	Value of interstate imports	25
	<b>31</b>	Value of foreign exports	26
	<b>32</b>	Value of foreign imports	27
	<b>33</b>	Retail trade, turnover, by industry	28

			Page
TRANSPORT	<b>34</b>	Registration of new motor vehicles	28
	<b>35</b>	Road traffic accidents	29
TOURIST ACCOMMODATION	<b>36</b>	Licensed hotels, motels, guest houses and serviced apartments	30
METEOROLOGY	<b>37</b>	Meteorology, Brisbane	31

# 1

## POPULATION

Period	Estimated resident population '000	Natural increase(a) '000	Net migration			Increase during period		Mean population for period '000
			Interstate '000	Overseas '000	Total '000	Number '000	Proportion(b) %	
<b>1992-93</b>	3 109.8	26.1	49.2	3.7	52.9	(c)79.8	2.6	3 070.5
<b>1993-94</b>	3 187.1	26.2	44.9	5.2	50.2	(c)77.3	2.5	3 149.9
<b>1994-95</b>	3 265.1	26.0	40.2	10.6	50.8	(c)78.0	2.5	3 225.1
<b>1995-96</b>	3 338.7	25.3	32.6	13.1	45.7	(c)73.6	2.3	3 303.5
<b>1996-97</b>	3 397.1	25.6	20.2	12.6	32.8	58.4	1.8	3 369.3
<b>1997-98</b>	3 456.3	24.4	18.0	16.9	34.9	59.3	1.7	3 427.3
<b>1993</b>	3 148.1	26.8	48.8	4.2	53.0	(c)80.8	2.6	3 111.1
<b>1994</b>	3 223.0	25.4	41.8	6.7	48.5	(c)74.9	2.3	3 187.7
<b>1995</b>	3 303.4	26.3	38.5	13.7	52.2	(c)80.3	2.4	3 264.4
<b>1996</b>	3 369.2	24.7	27.1	12.7	39.8	(c)65.8	2.0	3 338.7
<b>1997</b>	3 425.7	25.3	18.7	12.5	31.2	56.5	1.7	3 398.4
<b>1998</b>	3 485.2	24.6	16.0	18.9	34.9	59.5	1.7	3 456.4
<b>1997</b>								
September qtr	3 414.0	6.2	5.4	5.4	10.8	16.9	0.5	..
December qtr	3 425.7	5.3	5.2	1.3	6.4	11.7	0.3	..
<b>1998</b>								
March qtr	3 441.8	6.0	3.1	7.1	10.1	16.1	0.5	..
June qtr	3 456.3	7.0	4.4	3.2	7.6	14.5	0.4	..
September qtr	3 471.5	6.2	3.8	5.2	9.0	15.1	0.4	..
December qtr	3 485.2	5.5	4.8	3.4	8.2	13.7	0.4	..

(a) Excess of births over deaths.

(b) The rates represent the increase during the period, expressed as a proportion of the population at the beginning of the period.

(c) Discrepancies between the sum of natural increase and net migration figures and the total increase figures are due to inter-censal adjustment.

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

# 2

## ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION(a)—AT 30 JUNE

Statistical Division	1993 '000	1994 '000	1995 '000	1996 '000	1997 '000	1998 '000	Average annual growth rate	
							1993-98 %	1997-98 %
Brisbane	1 422.8	1 455.2	1 486.7	1 520.0	1 546.2	1 574.6	2.0	1.8
Moreton	538.9	566.0	596.0	618.2	638.4	657.3	4.1	3.0
Wide Bay-Burnett	207.1	214.0	219.5	224.3	227.6	230.6	2.2	1.3
Darling Downs	197.8	198.8	199.0	199.9	200.1	200.8	0.3	0.3
South-West	28.3	27.6	26.9	26.5	26.1	25.9	-1.7	-0.8
Fitzroy	172.5	174.5	176.2	178.0	179.3	180.5	0.9	0.7
Central West	13.0	12.9	12.6	12.5	12.4	12.3	-1.2	-0.6
Mackay	113.4	115.1	117.3	120.3	122.5	124.3	1.8	1.5
Northern	186.5	188.3	190.3	192.2	193.3	195.0	0.9	0.8
Far North	192.0	197.8	204.5	210.8	215.2	219.3	2.7	1.9
North-West	37.4	36.8	36.1	35.9	35.8	35.8	-0.9	-0.2
<b>Queensland(b)</b>	<b>3 109.8</b>	<b>3 187.1</b>	<b>3 265.1</b>	<b>3 338.7</b>	<b>3 397.1</b>	<b>3 456.3</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>1.7</b>

(a) Estimates use 1998 edition of the ASGC and are based on 1996 Census results.

(b) Including off-shore and migratory.

Source: Regional Population Growth, Australia (Cat. no. 3218.0).

### 3

#### VITAL STATISTICS

Period	Annual rate(b)							
	Births	Deaths	Marriages	Infant deaths(a)	Births(c)	Deaths(c)	Marriages(c)	Infant mortality(d)
	no.	no.	no.	no.	%	%	%	%
<b>1993-94</b>	46 623	20 610	20 997	300	14.6	6.5	6.6	6.4
<b>1994-95</b>	46 731	21 364	20 425	309	14.3	6.5	6.3	6.6
<b>1995-96</b>	47 356	21 485	20 876	295	14.2	6.4	6.3	6.2
<b>1996-97</b>	47 009	21 983	20 822	280	13.8	6.5	6.1	6.0
<b>1997-98</b>	47 056	22 572	21 262	302	13.6	6.5	6.2	6.4
<b>1997</b>								
December qtr	10 423	5 143	5 863	64	12.2	6.0	6.8	6.1
<b>1998</b>								
March qtr	11 772	5 731	4 814	93	13.7	6.7	5.6	7.9
June qtr	12 290	5 363	5 336	74	14.2	6.2	6.2	6.0
September qtr	12 589	6 454	5 730	73	14.5	7.4	6.6	5.8
December qtr	10 395	4 944	5 377	59	11.9	5.7	6.2	5.7
<b>1999</b>								
March qtr	12 419	5 712	4 822	65	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	5.2
<b>1998</b>								
December	2 570	1 323	976	20	..	..	..	7.8
<b>1999</b>								
January	4 332	2 110	1 690	20	..	..	..	4.6
February	3 722	1 712	1 387	24	..	..	..	6.4
March	4 365	1 890	1 745	21	..	..	..	4.8
April	3 683	1 735	n.y.a.	24	..	..	..	6.5
May	3 937	1 810	n.y.a.	23	..	..	..	5.8

(a) Deaths of children aged under one year.

(b) For quarterly periods, an equivalent annual rate for each quarter.

(c) Per 1,000 mean estimated resident population.

(d) Infant deaths per 1,000 live births.

Source: Demography, Queensland (Cat. no. 3311.3).

### 4

#### OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Particulars	1998							
	1997	1998	November		December		1999	
	no.	no.	no.	no.	January	February	March	April
<b>Arrivals</b>								
Permanent and long-term	42 540	41 980	2 790	3 720	5 240	4 760	2 980	3 070
Total permanent	14 780	15 620	1 250	1 450	1 720	1 240	1 310	1 300
Residents long-term	13 580	11 730	830	1 540	830	730	700	710
Visitors long-term	14 180	14 630	710	730	2 690	2 790	970	1 060
Residents short-term	432 510	461 070	35 920	32 650	52 940	31 460	38 050	36 370
Visitors short-term	1 331 400	1 233 140	101 040	122 590	99 240	101 990	104 610	95 860
<b>All arrivals</b>	<b>1 806 450</b>	<b>1 736 190</b>	<b>139 730</b>	<b>158 980</b>	<b>157 420</b>	<b>138 210</b>	<b>145 640</b>	<b>135 300</b>
<b>Departures</b>								
Permanent and long-term	28 880	29 150	2 190	2 840	3 260	2 250	2 420	2 190
Residents long-term	13 130	14 130	1000	1 170	1 910	1 260	1 300	1 170
Visitors long-term	9 530	8 690	730	1 080	550	470	550	470
Former and other	6 220	6 330	460	570	800	520	550	550
Residents short-term	435 800	461 810	39 660	49 910	32 000	30 260	39 120	36 890
Visitors short-term	1 247 230	1 197 910	105 360	97 110	113 400	89 530	89 850	103 420
<b>All departures</b>	<b>1 711 910</b>	<b>1 688 870</b>	<b>147 230</b>	<b>149 860</b>	<b>148 660</b>	<b>122 020</b>	<b>131 410</b>	<b>142 500</b>

Source: Unpublished data.

## 5

## LABOUR FORCE STATUS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER(a)

Month	Employed			Unemployed		Total labour force		Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 years and over
	Full-time	Part-time	Total	Number	Unemployment rate	Number	Participation rate		
	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	'000	%	'000	'000
MALES									
<b>1998</b>									
May	776.2	118.9	895.1	85.9	8.8	981.0	73.5	353.3	1 334.3
June	784.1	120.4	904.5	85.7	8.7	990.2	74.1	346.1	1 336.3
July	792.3	110.2	902.5	90.4	9.1	992.9	74.2	345.3	1 338.3
August	783.8	112.3	896.0	88.3	9.0	984.3	73.4	356.0	1 340.2
September	794.8	122.0	916.7	92.1	9.1	1 008.8	75.2	333.4	1 342.2
October	807.1	117.6	924.7	83.3	8.3	1 008.1	75.0	336.4	1 344.5
November	809.3	113.2	922.5	79.6	7.9	1 002.1	74.4	344.6	1 346.7
December	811.1	123.6	934.6	82.6	8.1	1 017.2	75.4	331.8	1 349.0
<b>1999</b>									
January	805.6	114.4	920.0	85.1	8.5	1 005.1	74.4	346.3	1 351.4
February	806.1	112.8	918.9	90.4	9.0	1 009.3	74.6	336.6	1 353.7
March	802.8	119.6	922.4	77.5	7.8	999.9	73.7	356.2	1 356.1
April	806.1	119.3	925.4	80.8	8.0	1 006.2	74.1	352.0	1 358.2
May	798.3	122.6	920.8	82.7	8.2	1 003.5	73.8	356.8	1 360.3
June	813.7	117.2	930.9	77.3	7.7	1 008.2	74.0	354.2	1 362.4
July	820.4	107.8	928.2	76.1	7.6	1 004.2	73.6	360.4	1 364.6
FEMALES									
<b>1998</b>									
May	384.8	316.0	700.8	59.7	7.9	760.6	56.0	598.3	1 358.8
June	384.9	318.3	703.1	64.8	8.4	768.0	56.4	592.9	1 360.8
July	388.6	310.7	699.3	59.1	7.8	758.4	55.6	604.5	1 362.9
August	377.9	315.8	693.7	57.3	7.6	751.0	55.0	613.9	1 364.9
September	387.9	314.1	702.1	63.1	8.3	765.2	56.0	601.7	1 366.9
October	381.6	322.0	703.6	62.9	8.2	766.4	56.0	602.7	1 369.2
November	393.4	318.2	711.6	59.3	7.7	771.0	56.2	600.5	1 371.5
December	400.1	308.6	708.8	63.4	8.2	772.2	56.2	601.6	1 373.8
<b>1999</b>									
January	396.8	289.3	686.1	67.7	9.0	753.9	54.8	622.3	1 376.2
February	385.6	312.5	698.1	68.2	8.9	766.3	55.6	612.4	1 378.7
March	390.1	313.8	703.9	67.5	8.7	771.4	55.9	609.8	1 381.2
April	395.5	322.1	720.6	61.2	7.8	781.8	56.5	601.5	1 383.3
May	388.3	328.8	717.1	63.4	8.1	780.5	56.3	604.8	1 385.4
June	396.3	321.0	717.4	64.3	8.2	781.7	56.3	605.8	1 387.5
July	396.5	321.7	718.3	57.0	7.3	775.2	55.8	614.5	1 389.7
PERSONS									
<b>1998</b>									
May	1 161.0	434.9	1 595.9	145.6	8.4	1 741.5	64.7	951.5	2 693.1
June	1 168.9	438.7	1 607.6	150.5	8.6	1 758.2	65.2	939.0	2 697.1
July	1 180.9	421.0	1 601.9	149.5	8.5	1 751.3	64.8	949.8	2 701.1
August	1 161.6	428.1	1 589.7	145.6	8.4	1 735.3	64.1	969.9	2 705.1
September	1 182.7	436.1	1 618.8	155.2	8.8	1 774.0	65.5	935.1	2 709.2
October	1 188.7	439.6	1 628.3	146.2	8.2	1 774.6	65.4	939.1	2 713.7
November	1 202.7	431.4	1 634.1	138.9	7.8	1 773.1	65.2	945.2	2 718.2
December	1 211.2	432.2	1 643.4	146.0	8.2	1 789.4	65.7	933.4	2 722.8
<b>1999</b>									
January	1 202.4	403.8	1 606.2	152.8	8.7	1 759.0	64.5	968.6	2 727.6
February	1 191.7	425.4	1 617.1	158.6	8.9	1 775.6	65.0	956.8	2 732.4
March	1 192.9	433.4	1 626.3	145.0	8.2	1 771.3	64.7	966.0	2 737.3
April	1 204.6	441.4	1 646.0	142.0	7.9	1 788.1	65.2	953.4	2 741.5
May	1 186.0	451.4	1 638.0	146.1	8.2	1 784.0	65.0	961.6	2 745.7
June	1 210.0	438.2	1 648.2	141.6	7.9	1 789.9	65.1	960.0	2 749.9
July	1 216.9	429.5	1 646.4	133.0	7.5	1 779.5	64.6	974.8	2 754.3

(a) See the Explanatory Notes in *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0). Estimates are based on 1996 Population Census benchmarks.

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

## 6

## CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE(a)

Month	Employed persons			Unemployed persons	Labour force	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	Full-time	Part-time	Total				
	'000	'000	'000				
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ESTIMATES							
<b>1998</b>							
May	1 169.5	432.5	1 602.0	148.2	1 750.3	8.5	65.0
June	1 172.2	429.1	1 601.3	156.0	1 757.3	8.9	65.2
July	1 174.7	421.0	1 595.7	159.2	1 755.0	9.1	65.0
August	1 170.0	434.3	1 604.3	149.4	1 753.7	8.5	64.8
September	1 175.4	427.0	1 602.4	158.1	1 760.6	9.0	65.0
October	1 183.1	433.2	1 616.3	154.5	1 770.9	8.7	65.3
November	1 199.7	426.9	1 626.6	145.4	1 772.0	8.2	65.2
December	1 193.1	432.7	1 625.8	147.5	1 773.2	8.3	65.1
<b>1999</b>							
January	1 203.4	433.1	1 636.5	142.9	1 779.3	8.0	65.2
February	1 190.5	431.9	1 622.4	141.2	1 763.6	8.0	64.5
March	1 204.0	428.3	1 632.3	137.8	1 770.1	7.8	64.7
April	1 213.6	436.1	1 649.7	139.9	1 789.6	7.8	65.3
May	1 195.3	449.1	1 644.4	148.6	1 793.0	8.3	65.3
June	1 214.0	427.6	1 641.6	146.7	1 788.4	8.2	65.0
July	1 210.3	429.5	1 639.8	141.9	1 781.7	8.0	64.7
TREND ESTIMATES							
<b>1998</b>							
May	1 173.5	425.6	1 599.1	151.8	1 750.8	8.7	65.0
June	1 172.5	427.0	1 599.5	153.3	1 752.7	8.7	65.0
July	1 172.7	428.0	1 600.7	154.6	1 755.3	8.8	65.0
August	1 174.9	429.0	1 603.9	155.0	1 758.9	8.8	65.0
September	1 179.2	429.8	1 609.0	154.2	1 763.2	8.7	65.1
October	1 184.5	430.3	1 614.8	152.1	1 766.9	8.6	65.1
November	1 190.2	430.4	1 620.6	149.0	1 769.6	8.4	65.1
December	1 194.9	430.8	1 625.7	145.7	1 771.5	8.2	65.1
<b>1999</b>							
January	1 198.4	431.7	1 630.1	143.1	1 773.2	8.1	65.0
February	1 200.6	433.0	1 633.6	141.7	1 775.3	8.0	65.0
March	1 202.3	434.3	1 636.6	141.6	1 778.2	8.0	65.0
April	1 204.3	435.0	1 639.3	142.4	1 781.7	8.0	65.0
May	1 206.5	435.2	1 641.7	143.3	1 785.0	8.0	65.0
June	1 208.6	434.7	1 643.3	144.0	1 787.3	8.1	65.0
July	1 210.1	433.9	1 644.0	144.9	1 788.9	8.1	64.9

(a) See the Explanatory Notes in *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0). Estimates are based on 1996 Population Census benchmarks.

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



## 7

## DURATION(a) OF UNEMPLOYMENT(b)

Period	Number of persons unemployed for						Total unemployed persons	Median duration weeks
	Less than 4 weeks	4 and under 8 weeks	8 and under 13 weeks	13 and under 26 weeks	26 and under 52 weeks	52 weeks or more		
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	
<b>June</b>								
1993	23.4	15.4	11.5	28.6	32.5	45.2	156.7	24
1994	22.6	14.9	11.2	28.6	25.2	41.0	143.5	22
1995	23.2	17.6	11.4	31.7	26.1	34.8	144.9	21
1996	31.3	18.4	13.4	28.7	26.2	37.0	155.0	18
1997	24.9	12.2	18.0	31.7	26.3	36.5	149.5	21
1998	24.4	17.7	12.8	33.3	23.8	40.1	152.2	22
<b>1998</b>								
April	25.0	16.6	20.0	30.7	20.4	40.7	153.5	16
May	24.5	13.9	13.0	29.7	22.1	44.2	147.3	20
June	24.4	17.7	12.8	33.3	23.8	40.1	152.2	22
July	26.2	13.7	14.0	22.5	29.3	45.4	151.2	25
August	26.8	15.4	13.4	20.7	30.9	40.3	147.5	23
September	27.1	17.6	16.7	23.3	28.0	44.5	157.1	21
October	25.4	13.3	16.2	17.8	30.3	44.6	147.7	26
November	25.3	14.0	10.0	18.0	34.0	39.0	140.4	26
December	34.1	19.5	11.6	15.9	25.8	40.2	147.2	17
<b>1999</b>								
January	37.6	22.4	13.9	14.8	23.6	42.2	154.5	13
February	34.3	23.7	19.1	17.6	19.7	44.2	158.6	13
March	29.7	17.2	21.3	22.5	16.5	37.9	145.0	14
April	28.2	13.5	17.6	24.4	19.3	39.0	142.0	16
May	25.2	16.6	14.4	33.4	17.1	39.4	146.1	17
June	26.9	13.3	14.1	30.1	21.2	36.0	141.6	19

(a) Period from the time the person began looking for work or was stood down, to the end of survey week.

(b) See the Explanatory Notes in *Labour Force, Australia* (Cat. no. 6203.0). Estimates are based on 1996 Population Census benchmarks.

Source: *Labour Force, Queensland* (Cat. no. 6201.3).

## 8

## WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS

Month	Government sector					All employed wage and salary earners
	Private sector	Commonwealth	State	Local	Total	
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
<b>1995</b>						
August	864.1	44.1	198.5	33.7	276.3	1 140.4
November	909.4	45.1	191.3	33.4	269.8	1 179.3
<b>1996</b>						
February	896.1	45.8	188.9	34.9	269.5	1 165.6
May	897.9	45.3	206.5	34.8	286.6	1 184.5
August	884.3	39.8	208.1	34.7	282.6	1 166.8
November	891.7	39.3	208.1	36.5	283.9	1 175.6
<b>1997</b>						
February	872.7	38.8	203.4	36.5	278.8	1 151.4
May	884.2	37.2	209.2	38.8	285.1	1 169.3
August	900.8	37.3	211.7	37.5	286.4	1 187.2
November	898.0	35.2	213.2	36.4	284.9	1 182.9
<b>1998</b>						
February	898.6	34.3	207.2	35.8	277.3	1 175.9
May	925.9	34.1	211.4	35.7	281.2	1 207.1
August	990.4	33.2	211.3	36.5	281.0	1 271.3
November	991.6	33.9	217.6	35.7	287.3	1 278.9
<b>1999</b>						
February	983.6	32.8	214.7	36.0	283.5	1 267.1

Source: Wage and Salary Earners, Australia (Cat. no. 6248.0).

## 9

## WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, BY INDUSTRY DIVISION

Month	Manu- facturing	Construction	Wholesale trade	Retail trade	Transport and storage	Property and business services	Health and community services	Other(a)	Total
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
<b>1997</b>									
November	138.7	59.6	77.2	179.3	52.0	96.8	134.7	444.4	<b>1 182.9</b>
<b>1998</b>									
February	143.3	66.0	70.9	187.7	48.2	99.7	132.9	427.3	<b>1 175.9</b>
May	138.0	69.9	90.5	190.9	51.8	98.0	131.3	436.5	<b>1 207.1</b>
August	138.3	73.9	106.1	195.5	57.5	117.4	137.1	445.5	<b>1 271.3</b>
November	140.6	74.7	103.5	199.2	58.4	128.1	137.0	437.4	<b>1 278.9</b>
<b>1999</b>									
February	142.0	83.1	101.1	196.2	54.6	126.6	138.2	425.3	<b>1 267.1</b>

(a) Including employees of government agencies classified to Agriculture, forestry and fishing.

Source: Wage and Salary Earners, Australia (Cat. no. 6248.0).

# 10

## JOB VACANCIES AND OVERTIME

Month	Number of job vacancies			Average weekly overtime hours per employee			Proportion of employees in the survey working overtime
	Sector			Job vacancy rate(a)	In the survey	Working overtime	
	Private	Government	Total				
'000	'000	'000	%	no.	no.	%	
<b>1998</b>							
February	* 12.4	1.6	14.0	1.10	0.83	5.93	13.94
May	* 14.0	1.5	* 15.4	1.21	1.00	6.35	15.81
August	* 14.0	1.7	15.7	1.26	1.02	5.87	17.44
November	9.6	2.1	11.7	0.95	1.05	6.20	16.90
<b>1999</b>							
February	12.6	1.9	14.5	1.16	0.94	6.01	15.66
May	* 6.9	1.9	8.8	0.76	1.03	6.40	16.11

(a) The number of job vacancies as a proportion of the number of employees plus vacancies.

Source: *Job Vacancies and Overtime, Australia (Cat. no. 6354.0)*.

# 11

## INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK

Period	Number of disputes		Employees involved		Working days lost
	Commenced in period	Total(a)	Newly involved(b)	Total(a)	
	no.	no.	'000	'000	
<b>1992-93</b>	123	124	65.4	65.5	80.8
<b>1993-94</b>	110	114	56.2	59.4	147.8
<b>1994-95</b>	164	164	67.4	67.4	190.5
<b>1995-96</b>	147	151	78.9	79.7	168.3
<b>1996-97</b>	121	124	148.4	181.5	170.0
<b>1997-98</b>	64	66	27.7	28.1	49.7
<b>1998</b>					
February	5	6	0.6	0.6	0.9
March	7	8	1.4	1.4	1.1
April	5	5	1.8	1.8	1.6
May	n.p.	n.p.	9.1	9.1	9.2
June	5	7	0.9	9.5	12.4
July	7	8	0.6	1.6	3.8
August	5	7	6.5	6.6	7.5
September	7	8	0.8	2.0	2.8
October	3	5	0.4	0.6	1.4
November	9	10	1.8	1.8	2.4
December	6	7	4.1	4.8	7.2
<b>1999</b>					
January	3	3	0.1	0.1	0.1
February	n.p.	n.p.	0.3	0.3	0.3
March	9	9	2.1	2.1	22.8
April	6	6	0.8	0.8	1.5

(a) All disputes involving stoppages of 10 working days or more which were in progress during the period.

(b) Comprises employees involved in disputes which commenced during the month and additional employees involved in disputes which continued from the previous month.

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

## 12

## AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF EMPLOYEES

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	Full-time adults		All males	Full-time adults		All females	Full-time adults		All employees
	Ordinary time earnings	Total earnings	Total earnings	Ordinary time earnings	Total earnings	Total earnings	Ordinary time earnings	Total earnings	Total earnings
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>1995</b>									
August	641.40	689.10	600.00	546.20	557.80	399.10	607.60	642.40	503.50
November	653.40	697.40	602.30	551.50	564.70	399.90	617.10	650.20	505.50
<b>1996</b>									
February	650.30	694.10	595.80	554.30	567.00	410.70	614.20	646.30	506.80
May	662.00	707.10	602.40	553.70	566.30	409.70	621.80	654.80	509.00
August	665.60	713.80	617.50	569.80	582.60	415.00	631.20	666.70	520.80
November	679.00	728.50	631.90	579.80	591.20	418.20	644.20	680.30	530.40
<b>1997</b>									
February	697.20	744.90	653.80	581.80	594.20	437.00	656.30	691.40	553.20
May	697.60	753.30	662.30	591.90	605.60	447.50	659.10	699.60	561.70
August	702.60	755.70	660.00	591.20	606.40	447.80	661.70	700.90	562.80
November	716.70	776.80	685.00	607.60	622.90	464.20	675.60	718.80	580.90
<b>1998</b>									
February	732.20	783.20	689.10	612.90	624.50	463.10	686.30	722.20	580.50
May	738.60	789.90	703.10	616.10	628.70	458.50	693.50	730.50	586.30
August	742.90	800.90	711.30	613.50	627.00	461.50	695.60	737.40	593.30
November	733.70	788.20	688.20	628.00	641.90	469.00	694.30	733.70	583.50
<b>1999</b>									
February	746.30	790.50	700.30	625.50	634.80	460.90	701.40	732.70	584.80

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

## 13

## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, BRISBANE(a)

Period	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Alcohol and tobacco	Health and personal care	Recreation and education	All groups	All groups % change from previous period	All groups % change from same qtr previous year
<b>1995-96</b>	116.5	105.3	112.0	112.6	120.7	150.9	135.9	118.1	119.1	3.8	..
<b>1996-97</b>	118.9	105.3	107.9	115.0	123.4	159.9	142.1	120.8	121.0	1.6	..
<b>1997-98</b>	121.5	105.3	100.7	115.9	123.3	165.5	149.8	124.5	121.6	0.5	..
<b>1997</b>											
September qtr	118.7	105.3	102.4	115.6	123.7	162.9	143.8	122.8	120.7	-0.3	0.1
December qtr	121.2	105.6	100.2	115.8	124.0	165.5	149.7	123.1	121.4	0.6	0.5
<b>1998</b>											
March qtr	122.6	104.7	100.0	115.8	122.8	166.3	152.7	126.1	121.9	0.4	0.3
June qtr	123.3	105.7	100.3	116.4	122.8	167.2	152.8	125.8	122.3	0.3	1.0
September qtr	123.9	105.2	101.0	116.3	120.9	168.1	156.0	126.1	122.5	0.2	1.5
December qtr	125.0	105.7	101.3	116.4	121.0	168.2	155.2	127.6	123.0	0.4	1.3
<b>1999</b>											
March qtr	126.4	104.6	101.6	116.0	120.5	169.5	144.2	128.8	122.8	-0.2	0.7

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

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

Item	Unit	Quarter ended							
		Year		1997-98			1998-99		
		1997	1998	September	December	March	September	December	March
		cents	cents	cents	cents	cents	cents	cents	cents
<b>Dairy products</b>									
Milk, carton(b)	1 litre	117	119	117	118	117	119	120	119
Milk, powdered, full cream	750 g pkt	468	484	467	466	492	478	481	502
Cheese, processed, sliced, wrapped	500 g pkt	364	368	338	367	368	381	357	389
Butter	500 g	175	169	173	172	170	162	164	173
<b>Cereal products</b>									
Bread, white, sliced(b)	680 g	194	194	191	195	191	195	199	192
Biscuits, dry	250 g pkt	160	157	161	161	151	157	159	159
Breakfast cereal, corn-based	550 g pkt	343	329	358	357	336	337	299	298
Flour, self-raising	2 kg pkt	267	272	267	264	278	271	271	271
Rice, long grain	1 kg pkt	141	153	139	145	146	153	153	157
<b>Meat and seafoods</b>									
Beef									
Topside roast	1 kg	(c)723	728	717	729	724	743	720	714
Rump steak	1 kg	1 078	1 059	1 088	1 086	1 079	1 070	1 041	1 066
T-bone steak, with fillet	1 kg	981	979	978	983	1 017	968	940	958
Chuck steak	1 kg	601	594	617	617	596	588	590	579
Silverside, corned	1 kg	574	530	587	564	521	508	543	529
Lamb									
Leg	1 kg	589	565	616	573	566	601	546	589
Loin chops	1 kg	820	826	843	824	809	843	840	871
Forequarter chops	1 kg	493	499	498	506	505	507	481	532
Pork									
Leg	1 kg	617	541	630	645	605	504	536	496
Loin chops	1 kg	843	837	829	872	871	822	815	802
Chicken, frozen	1 kg	346	313	354	359	328	294	338	322
Bacon, middle rashers	250 g pkt	307	309	316	290	268	314	320	338
Beef, corned	340 g can	297	296	308	298	305	294	282	291
Sausages	1 kg	339	335	350	333	345	327	332	344
Salmon, pink	210 g can	225	255	222	233	244	266	246	260
<b>Fresh fruit and vegetables</b>									
Oranges	1 kg	141	154	136	166	161	158	149	236
Bananas	1 kg	222	153	251	177	132	150	189	204
Potatoes	1 kg	110	118	117	114	107	114	134	124
Tomatoes	1 kg	208	302	176	188	256	276	359	285
Carrots	1 kg	117	164	100	106	149	158	171	159
Onions	1 kg	108	118	110	105	105	154	107	96
<b>Processed fruit and vegetables</b>									
Peaches	825 g can	196	196	194	197	191	207	191	192
Pineapple, sliced	450 g can	104	109	104	104	103	109	110	113
Peas, frozen	500 g pkt	129	128	118	128	132	123	119	125
<b>Confectionery</b>									
Chocolate, milk, block	250 g	282	288	292	285	295	293	272	312

For footnotes see end of table.

...continued

Item	Unit	Quarter ended							
		Year		1997-98			1998-99		
		1997	1998	September	December	March	September	December	March
		cents	cents	cents	cents	cents	cents	cents	cents
<b>Other food</b>									
Eggs	52 g (min.) 1 doz.	278	266	262	278	232	275	259	285
Sugar, white	2 kg pkt	189	212	196	189	204	214	218	219
Jam, strawberry	500 g jar	244	246	238	260	262	230	242	254
Tea	250 g pkt	196	250	189	211	238	259	251	250
Coffee, instant	150 g jar	607	627	629	656	656	617	600	584
Tomato sauce	600 ml bottle	188	190	189	184	191	192	179	183
Margarine, polyunsaturated	500 g tub	154	172	145	159	156	186	177	180
Baked beans (in tomato sauce)	425 g can	(d)101	(e)(f)99	100	(e)(f)103	(e)(f)97	(e)(f)95	(e)(f)100	(e)(f)96
Baby food	120 g can	(e)(g)60	62	60	64	62	60	64	63
<b>Household supplies</b>									
Laundry detergent	1 kg	529	494	511	487	496	486	491	507
Dishwashing detergent	500 ml	(e)(c)350	342	347	352	357	338	345	334
Facial tissues	pkt of 224	192	198	192	197	203	197	195	188
Toilet paper	4 x 280 sheets	(d)350	(e)(h)351	351	(e)(h)362	(e)(h)356	(e)(h)354	(e)(h)359	(e)(h)340
Pet food	410 g can	100	(e)(i)102	98	106	103	(e)(j)95	(e)(j)106	(e)(j)106
<b>Private motoring</b>									
Petrol, leaded	1 litre	67.3	62.9	65.8	68.1	63.9	61.4	61.8	60.2
Petrol, unleaded	1 litre	65.1	60.6	63.6	65.9	61.7	59.2	59.5	57.9
<b>Alcoholic beverages</b>									
Beer, low alcohol, unchilled	24 x 375 ml bottles	2 333	2 332	2 303	2 336	2 345	2 282	2 341	2 321
Beer, full strength(k), unchilled	24 x 375 ml bottles	2 612	2 628	2 638	2 638	2 614	2 634	2 646	2 672
Draught beer, full strength(k), public bar	285 ml glass	180	184	180	182	183	184	185	186
Draught beer, low alcohol, public bar	285 ml glass	169	172	170	170	170	174	173	174
Scotch, nip, public bar	30 ml	254	263	255	256	259	264	270	269
<b>Personal care products</b>									
Toilet soap	4 x 125 g	(c)293	303	283	302	307	301	296	308
Toothpaste	140 g tube	253	259	253	257	275	240	260	265

(a) Average prices of specific brands, etc. charged by a number of representative retailers. They do not purport to be the actual averages of all sales of these items. Refer to the Explanatory Notes in *Average Retail Prices of Selected Items, Eight Capital Cities* (Cat. no. 6403.0) for more details.

(b) Supermarket sales.

(c) Average based on prices for September and December quarters.

(d) Average based on prices for March, June and September quarters.

(e) Price not comparable with other periods due to change in size and/or specification.

(f) 420 g can.

(g) Average based on prices for March and June quarters.

(h) 4 x 270 sheet roll.

(i) Average based on prices for June, September and December quarters.

(j) 400g can.

(k) The alcoholic content of full strength beer is greater than 3.9%.

Source: *Average Retail Prices of Selected Items, Eight Capital Cities* (Cat. no. 6403.0).

Group	1997-98			1998-99				
	1997-98	1998-99	Dec qtr	Mar qtr	June qtr	Dec qtr	Mar qtr	June qtr
HOUSE BUILDING								
All groups	117.1	118.2	116.7	117.0	117.9	118.6	118.4	117.5
BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING								
<b>Selected major building materials</b>								
Structural timber	113.0	120.5	110.5	114.8	114.9	122.7	124.9	119.3
Clay bricks	106.1	105.9	105.8	105.8	105.8	106.8	105.6	105.0
Ready-mixed concrete	106.6	104.2	105.4	105.8	106.4	104.5	104.3	101.7
Precast concrete products	112.2	114.7	113.2	110.7	111.5	115.2	115.2	115.6
Steel decking and cladding	113.7	114.0	113.7	113.7	113.8	114.0	114.0	114.0
Structural steel	136.6	140.3	136.5	136.0	136.0	139.3	141.2	141.6
Reinforcing steel bar, fabric and mesh	116.0	112.4	115.9	115.5	115.6	113.6	110.9	111.3
Aluminium windows	103.8	106.3	103.8	103.8	103.8	106.5	106.5	106.5
Fabricated steel products	122.9	124.3	122.8	123.5	122.5	123.4	124.6	125.6
Builders' hardware	103.6	108.1	101.7	101.7	106.5	106.8	108.4	110.5
Sand and aggregate	154.4	145.7	157.3	157.3	145.5	145.6	145.7	145.7
Carpet	94.8	95.7	94.8	94.8	95.2	95.7	95.7	95.7
Paint and other coatings	130.3	134.3	129.8	129.8	131.6	134.3	136.6	135.9
Nonferrous pipes and fittings	161.6	158.7	161.6	161.6	161.6	161.4	158.6	158.6
<b>Special combinations of building materials</b>								
All electrical materials	111.7	115.3	111.0	111.6	113.0	114.5	116.1	116.4
All mechanical services	114.1	116.4	114.0	113.8	114.3	117.0	116.9	117.1
All plumbing materials	125.7	126.3	125.6	125.6	125.1	127.5	126.8	126.9
All groups, excluding electrical materials and mechanical services	119.2	119.9	118.9	118.9	119.2	120.1	120.0	119.9
<b>All groups</b>	117.2	118.4	117.0	117.0	117.3	118.7	118.6	118.6

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

Source: Price Index of Materials Used in House Building (Cat. no. 6408.0). Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other Than House Building (Cat. no. 6407.0).

<i>Manufacturing price indexes</i>										
Period	<i>Materials used(a)</i>			Articles produced (b)	Mineral products	<i>Export price index(a)</i>			<i>Import price index(a)</i>	
	Imported	Domestic	All materials			Wool & cotton fibres	Base metals & articles of base metals	All groups	Machinery and transport equip.	All groups
<b>1993-94</b>	108.8	102.5	104.7	115.5	100.9	59.0	76.3	91.8	123.1	115.6
<b>1994-95</b>	112.7	104.9	107.6	118.1	95.0	80.8	96.8	94.7	121.1	114.8
<b>1995-96</b>	117.6	106.0	110.1	121.1	100.9	72.7	97.0	96.1	117.4	115.0
<b>1996-97</b>	109.4	104.2	106.0	121.8	103.0	67.6	86.1	92.4	108.5	108.6
<b>1997-98</b>	112.2	104.1	107.0	123.4	113.7	75.8	94.1	98.9	115.5	115.4
<b>1998-99</b>	113.5	101.5	105.9	123.1	114.6	61.4	85.6	95.7	121.9	119.9
<b>1995</b>										
December qtr	118.6	105.3	110.0	120.9	100.2	72.8	98.7	96.0	118.7	116.1
<b>1996</b>										
March qtr	118.1	106.7	110.7	121.5	102.1	68.6	94.5	96.5	116.4	114.8
June qtr	113.9	105.2	108.2	121.1	100.4	65.0	89.9	93.4	111.4	110.5
September qtr	110.8	103.5	106.1	121.0	100.9	67.2	84.5	93.0	110.1	109.4
December qtr	109.6	104.2	106.1	121.5	101.7	65.5	80.7	91.1	108.5	108.5
<b>1997</b>										
March qtr	108.9	105.1	106.3	122.2	104.3	66.7	88.2	92.0	107.9	108.4
June qtr	108.1	104.0	105.4	122.3	105.1	70.9	90.8	93.4	107.6	107.9
September qtr	109.9	104.6	106.5	122.9	107.9	77.8	96.0	95.9	110.8	110.8
December qtr	111.9	106.3	108.2	123.7	113.7	77.2	96.8	99.2	114.9	115.4
<b>1998</b>										
March qtr	112.5	102.6	106.2	123.3	114.5	75.9	92.7	99.4	117.6	116.7
June qtr	114.6	102.7	107.1	123.7	118.5	72.3	91.0	100.9	118.8	118.5
September qtr	116.6	102.2	107.5	124.0	122.4	67.6	93.3	102.0	123.7	122.9
December qtr	113.6	101.3	105.8	123.2	117.8	59.2	86.1	96.9	123.9	121.7
<b>1999</b>										
March qtr	111.6	99.9	104.2	122.5	110.8	58.8	80.6	93.1	122.4	119.1
June qtr	112.3	102.5	106.1	122.8	107.4	60.0	82.3	90.6	117.6	115.9

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

(b) Base: year 1988-89 = 100.0.

Source: Price Indexes of Materials Used in Manufacturing Industries, Australia (Cat. no. 6411.0). Price Indexes of Articles Produced by Manufacturing Industries, Australia (Cat. no. 6412.0). Export Price Index, Australia (Cat. no. 6405.0). Import Price Index, Australia (Cat. no. 6414.0).



# 17

## LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED(a) AND PRODUCTION OF SELECTED COMMODITIES(b)

Period	Livestock slaughtered					Meat produced(c)				
	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pig-meats(d)
	'000 head	'000 head	'000 head	'000 head	'000 head	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
<b>1993-94</b>	2 781.8	148.7	856.6	669.6	1 207.9	742 701	6 352	21 282	12 447	84 553
<b>1994-95</b>	2 557.8	117.1	770.9	608.7	1 154.4	697 750	4 918	15 308	10 621	83 143
<b>1995-96</b>	2 406.9	91.2	727.5	695.3	1 080.0	655 664	3 854	14 161	12 584	77 696
<b>1996-97</b>	2 517.9	120.9	977.3	785.1	1 002.3	687 802	5 579	19 646	14 348	73 809
<b>1997-98</b>	3 014.6	114.8	1 277.1	765.7	1 082.8	799 778	5 520	24 553	13 948	81 171
<b>1998-99</b>	3 279.6	99.7	1 309.7	735.8	1 109.5	899 131	5 330	25 581	13 789	82 817
<b>1998</b>										
March	266.8	10.5	117.3	65.2	91.5	70 467	542	2 258	1 169	6 758
April	263.7	10.3	109.9	68.3	88.7	68 184	533	2 052	1 210	6 681
May	281.8	9.0	87.0	60.2	95.0	73 209	481	1 530	1 070	7 374
June	278.5	8.4	92.4	56.3	90.3	73 494	435	1 688	1 006	6 940
July	304.8	9.8	117.0	68.6	103.4	82 208	517	2 180	1 290	8 000
August	288.5	8.3	109.7	66.0	95.4	76 824	432	2 208	1 237	7 341
September	283.5	8.3	90.4	63.2	96.9	75 856	407	1 828	1 185	7 348
October	292.3	8.5	137.6	70.9	94.9	80 152	428	2 723	1 340	7 101
November	274.2	7.3	99.5	55.2	88.8	75 342	391	2 037	1 101	6 399
December	204.8	6.3	72.5	51.7	90.3	56 599	336	1 499	979	6 401
<b>1999</b>										
January	173.2	7.1	107.6	61.6	83.1	48 177	380	2 172	1 134	6 130
February	270.1	7.9	120.6	57.0	84.3	75 707	431	2 333	1 057	6 179
March	317.9	7.5	121.8	62.3	89.4	89 609	380	2 296	1 133	6 557
April	285.4	8.1	114.0	58.3	90.6	79 021	432	2 176	1 072	6 809
May	295.5	10.4	115.9	64.6	95.4	80 963	605	2 179	1 209	7 233
June	289.4	10.2	103.1	56.4	97.0	78 673	591	1 950	1 052	7 319

(a) Including livestock slaughtered on farms.

(b) Excluding producers with fewer than four persons employed and minor production from essentially non-manufacturing activities.

(c) Dressed carcass weight. Excluding offal.

(d) Including quantities used to produce bacon and ham.

Source: *Livestock Products, Australia* (Cat. no. 7215.0).

# 18

## ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION

Period	Value of work commenced	Value of work done	Value of work yet to be done
	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>1996-97</b>	3 605.0	3 593.4	1 074.9
<b>1997-98</b>	4 696.3	3 837.3	2 023.8
<b>1997</b>			
December qtr	1 230.2	953.0	1 454.9
<b>1998</b>			
March qtr	1 252.1	921.4	1 783.9
June qtr	1 281.0	1 072.9	2 023.8
September qtr	1 002.7	985.2	1 976.6
December qtr	1 053.9	1 133.6	1 928.7
<b>1999</b>			
March qtr	1 332.3	1 078.8	2 147.5

Source: *Engineering Construction Activity, Australia* (Cat. no. 8762.0).

# 19

## BUILDING ACTIVITY(a)

Period	Dwelling units in new residential buildings			Value of building work completed				
	Commenced	Completed	Under construction at end of period	New houses	New other residential buildings	Non-residential building	Total(b)	Value of work done in period
<b>1992-93</b>	46 985	45 541	14 760	2 907.3	771.9	1 700.4	5 608.2	5 467.0
<b>1993-94</b>	53 085	49 615	17 993	3 015.8	1 007.3	1 391.7	5 644.9	5 993.1
<b>1994-95</b>	46 160	48 456	15 389	3 172.3	1 100.1	1 834.1	6 351.8	6 819.9
<b>1995-96</b>	31 125	35 103	11 125	2 372.2	994.9	2 656.7	6 290.7	5 791.8
<b>1996-97</b>	31 874	30 405	12 371	2 320.2	695.2	2 389.1	5 681.7	5 964.9
<b>1997-98</b>	34 976	33 364	13 825	2 568.5	920.4	2 409.5	6 202.9	6 560.7
<b>1997</b>								
December qtr	9 282	8 910	12 599	718.3	232.7	899.3	1 932.7	1 702.4
<b>1998</b>								
March qtr	8 032	7 596	13 017	582.3	256.2	465.1	1 384.0	1 517.6
June qtr	9 044	8 145	13 825	627.4	189.6	513.5	1 399.1	1 721.8
September qtr	7 995	9 266	12 433	716.4	342.9	726.9	1 866.8	1 681.1
December qtr	7 701	9 289	10 839	670.1	326.3	610.4	1 693.2	1 712.1
<b>1999</b>								
March qtr	5 805	5 960	10 684	463.9	162.8	398.8	1 108.5	1 266.2

(a) The scope of building activity includes all new residential buildings, irrespective of value, and alterations and additions to residential buildings with an approval value of \$10,000 and over; and non-residential building (including alterations and additions to existing buildings) with an approval value of \$50,000 and over.

(b) Including alterations and additions (valued at \$10,000 and over) to residential buildings, which are not shown in the foregoing columns.

Source: *Building Activity, Queensland (Cat. no. 8752.3)*.

# 20

## BUILDING ACTIVITY, NEW DWELLING UNITS(a)—BY TYPE AND STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION

Period	Commenced			Completed			Under construction at end of period		
	Houses	Other residential buildings	Total	Houses	Other residential buildings	Total	Houses	Other residential buildings	Total
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
<b>1992-93</b>	33 516	13 469	46 985	33 600	11 941	45 541	8 559	6 201	14 760
<b>1993-94</b>	35 751	17 334	53 085	34 793	14 822	49 615	9 504	8 489	17 993
<b>1994-95</b>	31 047	15 113	46 160	33 527	14 929	48 456	6 971	8 418	15 389
<b>1995-96</b>	23 082	8 043	31 125	23 852	11 251	35 103	6 049	5 076	11 125
<b>1996-97</b>	22 870	9 004	31 874	22 551	7 854	30 405	6 284	6 087	12 371
<b>1997-98</b>	23 754	11 222	34 976	23 373	9 991	33 364	6 625	7 200	13 825
<b>1997</b>									
December qtr	6 224	3 058	9 282	6 610	2 300	8 910	6 116	6 483	12 599
<b>1998</b>									
March qtr	5 457	2 575	8 032	5 058	2 538	7 596	6 497	6 520	13 017
June qtr	5 941	3 103	9 044	5 797	2 348	8 145	6 625	7 200	13 825
September qtr	5 368	2 627	7 995	6 225	3 041	9 266	5 767	6 666	12 433
December qtr	5 159	2 542	7 701	5 709	3 580	9 289	5 198	5 641	10 839
<b>1999</b>									
March qtr	4 067	1 738	5 805	3 989	1 971	5 960	5 276	5 408	10 684

(a) Including new houses and dwelling units in other residential buildings (e.g. flats, home units, etc.) but excluding units offering temporary accommodation (e.g. motels, hostels, etc.) and caretakers' quarters in non-residential buildings.

Source: *Building Activity, Queensland (Cat. no. 8752.3)*.

Period	Dwelling units in new residential buildings						Non-residential buildings			
	Private sector		Public sector		Total	Alterations and additions to residential buildings	Private sector	Total	Total value of building	
	no.	\$m	no.	\$m						no.
<b>1993-94</b>	53 427	4 464.2	1 765	126.7	55 192	4 590.8	229.2	1 348.6	1 761.6	6 582.0
<b>1994-95</b>	43 596	3 856.7	1 602	144.0	45 198	4 000.9	240.2	1 571.0	2 063.4	6 305.1
<b>1995-96</b>	29 579	2 819.5	872	72.0	30 451	2 891.4	242.9	1 807.9	2 326.0	5 467.4
<b>1996-97</b>	31 853	3 083.4	1 233	108.3	33 086	3 191.6	270.0	1 568.0	2 244.1	5 705.8
<b>1997-98</b>	35 415	3 510.5	1 064	97.8	36 479	3 608.2	289.6	1 821.9	3 372.7	7 270.4
<b>1998-99</b>	27 877	2 875.8	1 233	116.9	29 110	2 992.6	269.4	1 586.2	2 241.4	5 503.4
<b>1998</b>										
April	3 126	328.6	154	12.9	3 280	341.5	25.1	133.0	305.4	671.9
May	2 814	281.8	252	21.2	3 066	302.9	25.4	213.4	326.8	655.0
June	2 639	253.8	167	15.7	2 806	269.5	29.9	234.7	316.9	616.3
July	2 465	259.0	29	3.8	2 494	262.8	26.1	125.4	149.5	438.4
August	2 556	251.1	32	2.8	2 588	253.9	22.7	104.0	296.9	573.5
September	2 920	288.3	116	12.4	3 036	300.7	28.8	116.5	157.8	487.3
October	2 561	262.9	89	8.8	2 650	271.7	26.4	113.4	154.5	452.6
November	2 426	244.0	73	6.9	2 499	251.0	23.2	182.3	203.3	477.6
December	2 244	214.1	20	1.9	2 264	216.0	18.4	84.0	136.0	370.3
<b>1999</b>										
January	1 830	171.2	45	5.0	1 875	176.2	17.1	155.4	217.2	410.5
February	2 090	213.9	51	5.5	2 141	219.4	20.5	125.0	151.5	391.4
March	2 314	252.7	127	11.6	2 441	264.2	22.7	128.1	194.3	481.2
April	2 136	234.6	154	13.9	2 290	248.5	16.6	197.3	270.4	535.5
May	2 092	237.5	153	12.9	2 245	250.3	19.0	133.9	152.8	422.1
June	2 243	246.5	344	13.4	2 587	277.9	27.9	120.9	157.2	463.0

(a) The scope of building approvals includes all approved new residential building jobs valued at \$10,000 or more; all approved non-residential building jobs valued at \$50,000 or more; and approved alterations and additions valued at \$10,000 or more to residential buildings.

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

Period	<i>Dwelling units involved</i>				<i>Secured housing finance commitments to individuals</i>				
					<i>All banks</i>				
	<i>For purchase</i>				<i>For purchase of dwellings</i>				
	For construction	Newly erected	Previously established	Refinance (a)	For construction of dwellings	Newly erected	Previously established	Refinance (a)	Total(b)
	no.	no.	no.	no.	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>1993-94</b>	25 967	4 948	58 980	18 725	1 837	359	4 142	1 154	7 950
<b>1994-95</b>	20 166	4 429	48 707	13 950	1 497	376	3 723	892	7 089
<b>1995-96</b>	15 141	3 854	44 599	18 417	1 146	354	3 408	1 110	6 701
<b>1996-97</b>	15 097	4 038	44 378	20 449	1 262	376	3 718	1 389	7 212
<b>1997-98</b>	15 157	4 116	43 680	16 313	1 444	397	3 932	1 136	7 246
<b>1998-99</b>	13 221	3 677	46 335	14 060	1 415	422	4 636	1 126	7 891
<b>1998</b>									
April	1 213	316	3 792	1 109	120	33	335	72	582
May	1 188	323	3 722	1 164	108	31	319	76	559
June	1 284	357	3 630	1 313	130	36	350	105	648
July	1 135	350	3 674	1 124	122	34	357	84	620
August	1 120	345	3 220	1 100	120	43	343	88	618
September	1 140	334	3 413	1 131	119	35	339	89	604
October	1 099	319	3 546	1 139	113	36	343	89	602
November	1 089	320	3 818	1 109	115	36	388	93	656
December	1 005	280	3 791	1 132	106	33	375	91	628
<b>1999</b>									
January	775	233	3 286	946	76	26	322	74	516
February	1 071	297	4 119	1 157	110	37	424	94	687
March	1 392	347	4 823	1 436	147	40	472	120	808
April	1 116	295	4 032	1 212	118	33	409	99	687
May	1 081	258	4 252	1 258	126	31	430	100	714
June	1 198	299	4 361	1 316	143	38	434	105	750

(a) For existing home loans.

(b) Including alterations and additions.

...continued

## Secured housing finance commitments to individuals—continued

## Permanent building societies

## For purchase of dwellings

Period	For construction of dwellings	Newly erected	Previously established	Refinance(a)	Total(b)	Finance companies, government and other	Total(b)
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>1993-94</b>	291	85	902	193	1 537	241	9 728
<b>1994-95</b>	243	57	684	163	1 199	232	8 520
<b>1995-96</b>	226	30	661	158	1 116	662	8 479
<b>1996-97</b>	198	12	390	77	701	777	8 690
<b>1997-98</b>	166	7	326	83	601	929	8 776
<b>1998-99</b>	143	11	367	72	602	850	9 343
<b>1998</b>							
April	12	1	27	7	49	82	713
May	12	—	28	9	51	82	691
June	13	1	27	8	51	78	777
July	13	1	27	7	49	70	738
August	13	—	24	6	44	64	727
September	11	1	24	7	43	66	714
October	12	1	27	5	46	74	722
November	10	2	32	5	50	64	770
December	13	1	30	6	50	71	749
<b>1999</b>							
January	10	1	26	5	42	66	624
February	14	—	36	6	58	71	816
March	13	1	42	8	66	83	957
April	13	1	29	4	48	70	804
May	11	1	32	5	49	64	828
June	10	1	38	8	57	86	893

(a) For existing home loans.

(b) Including alterations and additions.

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

## 23

## SELECTED FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, LOANS OUTSTANDING(a)

Month	Building societies		Finance companies		Credit cooperatives(b)	
	Individuals	Total	Individuals	Total	Individuals	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>1998</b>						
March	2 359.8	3 051.9	1 869.1	4 966.0	1 881.1	1 911.6
April	2 399.9	3 098.2	1 874.9	4 957.4	1 914.8	1 946.8
May	2 429.5	3 133.0	1 889.0	5 153.1	1 944.9	1 977.0
June	2 469.9	3 187.6	1 911.0	5 141.5	1 983.3	2 016.2
July	2 504.5	3 229.3	1 932.9	5 038.4	2 011.4	2 045.1
August	2 545.1	3 272.3	1 969.8	5 086.5	2 038.6	2 080.4
September	2 579.5	3 317.7	2 021.4	5 116.7	2 069.5	2 113.2
October	2 623.9	3 380.2	2 059.8	5 115.7	2 097.7	2 141.7
November	2 661.1	3 437.6	2 102.9	5 170.1	2 134.6	2 179.7
December	2 626.0	3 457.1	2 098.4	5 133.9	2 156.4	2 202.0
<b>1999</b>						
January	2 656.6	3 503.9	2 170.9	5 101.9	2 186.9	2 233.4
February	2 658.1	3 520.3	2 210.6	5 162.5	2 211.4	2 257.9
March	2 673.4	3 543.8	2 250.0	5 243.8	2 248.1	2 294.5
April	2 692.9	3 566.7	2 262.6	5 234.4	2 278.9	2 325.7
May	2 723.4	3 623.5	2 253.8	5 238.3	2 303.9	2 350.6

(a) At end of period.

(b) Credit cooperatives with assets in Australia exceeding \$5m.

Source: Unpublished data.

## 24

## LEASE, COMMERCIAL, AND PERSONAL FINANCE

Month	Lease finance		Commercial finance		Personal finance	
	Total finance lease commitments	Commitments not drawn at end of period	Total	Used	Total	Used
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>1998</b>						
March	184.0	41.7	16 972.6	10 338.8	11 030.1	5 071.5
April	176.3	41.8	17 185.6	10 373.6	11 235.9	5 207.8
May	172.1	43.8	17 562.0	10 557.5	11 450.8	5 336.0
June	283.2	43.9	17 732.3	10 904.7	11 739.6	5 612.0
July	216.7	35.0	17 989.4	11 037.4	11 495.0	5 506.6
August	155.2	30.9	17 186.6	10 773.4	11 728.6	5 641.2
September	170.8	31.8	17 343.4	10 927.0	11 964.3	5 682.8
October	153.9	29.3	17 539.6	11 131.7	12 215.1	5 890.4
November	155.8	27.3	17 611.6	11 232.3	12 474.7	6 202.9
December	185.9	30.8	17 697.6	11 272.8	12 760.7	6 250.0
<b>1999</b>						
January	120.9	25.3	16 003.0	9 851.4	13 002.9	6 279.4
February	157.3	26.8	16 195.1	9 979.2	13 251.3	6 399.9
March	197.1	33.8	16 602.4	10 721.6	13 548.5	6 532.3
April	151.1	22.5	16 869.8	10 947.2	13 859.9	6 643.0
May	192.8	24.7	17 201.1	10 740.2	14 162.7	6 762.3
June	299.7	33.5	17 286.0	11 336.5	14 625.4	7 107.7

Source: Unpublished data.

## 25

## SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS(a), BY TYPE OF BORROWER

Month	First home buyers				Other			
	Number of dwellings financed	Number as per cent of total	Value of commitments	Average borrowing size	Number of dwellings financed	Number as per cent of total	Value of commitments	Average borrowing size
	no.	%	\$m	\$'000	no.	%	\$m	\$'000
<b>1998</b>								
April	1 421	22.1	148.6	104.6	5 009	77.9	538.9	107.6
May	1 390	21.7	143.9	103.6	5 007	78.3	520.3	103.9
June	1 393	21.2	150.9	108.3	5 191	78.8	595.5	114.7
July	1 516	24.1	165.2	109.0	4 767	75.9	547.6	114.9
August	1 349	23.3	161.8	120.0	4 436	76.7	537.9	121.3
September	1 407	23.4	159.5	113.4	4 611	76.6	529.5	114.8
October	1 477	24.2	163.3	110.5	4 626	75.8	534.8	115.6
November	1 586	25.0	178.2	112.3	4 750	75.0	565.4	119.0
December	1 587	25.6	176.7	111.4	4 621	74.4	546.0	118.2
<b>1999</b>								
January	1 299	24.8	143.8	110.7	3 941	75.2	459.6	116.6
February	1 731	26.1	194.3	112.3	4 913	73.9	596.5	121.4
March	2 000	25.0	218.1	109.0	5 998	75.0	704.5	117.5
April	1 651	24.8	187.3	113.5	5 004	75.2	586.4	117.2
May	1 623	23.7	185.7	114.4	5 226	76.3	612.7	117.2
June	1 638	22.8	186.1	113.6	5 536	77.2	672.1	121.4

(a) Excluding alterations and additions, including refinancing.

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

## 26

## ALL BANKS, DEPOSITS AND LENDING

Month	Deposits						Other lending(b)
	Current	Term(a)	Investment savings	Other	Total		
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m		
<b>1998</b>							
March	14 163	21 858	4 952	4 783	45 756	64 221	
April	14 612	21 911	4 762	4 795	46 080	64 039	
May	14 659	22 518	4 955	4 824	46 956	64 540	
June	14 834	22 346	4 930	4 810	46 919	64 815	
July	15 191	22 102	4 762	4 906	46 960	66 015	
August	15 714	22 978	4 986	5 064	48 742	66 278	
September	15 868	22 821	4 973	5 071	48 733	67 446	
October	16 848	22 936	4 939	5 109	49 832	67 447	
November	17 586	23 037	4 532	5 565	50 720	68 010	
December	18 171	24 921	4 438	5 688	53 219	68 693	
<b>1999</b>							
January	17 466	24 419	4 419	5 675	51 978	68 692	
February	17 047	23 119	4 404	5 715	50 285	68 883	
March	16 744	22 444	4 266	5 838	49 293	69 033	
April	16 553	22 037	4 248	5 972	48 811	69 601	
May	16 421	22 710	4 163	6 183	49 478	69 722	

(a) Including certificates of deposit.

(b) Excluding public sector securities held by banks and commercial lending through intermediaries.

Source: *Unpublished data*.

## 27

## STATE FINAL DEMAND, CHAIN VOLUME MEASURES: ORIGINAL(a)

Period	Final consumption expenditure			Gross fixed capital formation		State final demand
	Household	General government	Private	Public		
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m		
<b>1995-96</b>	52 667	14 950	15 988	5 157	88 719	
<b>1996-97</b>	54 083	14 952	18 231	5 630	92 897	
<b>1997-98</b>	57 173	15 795	18 698	5 550	97 214	
<b>1997</b>						
December qtr	14 973	4 122	4 989	1 406	25 489	
<b>1998</b>						
March qtr	13 762	3 619	4 023	1 092	22 496	
June qtr	14 482	4 105	4 765	1 998	25 349	
September qtr	14 819	4 024	4 769	1 202	24 813	
December qtr	15 934	4 324	4 995	1 522	26 776	
<b>1999</b>						
March qtr	14 790	3 874	4 583	1 429	24 676	

(a) Reference year 1996-97.

Source: Unpublished data.

## 28

## NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, BY INDUSTRY GROUP AND TYPE OF ASSET

Period	Industry group				Type of asset		
	Mining	Manufacturing	Other selected industries	Total	New buildings and structures	New capital equipment	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>1995-96</b>	961	1 433	3 459	5 853	1 563	4 290	5 853
<b>1996-97</b>	1 865	1 734	4 002	7 602	2 739	4 863	7 602
<b>1997-98</b>	1 968	1 764	3 665	7 397	2 490	4 907	7 397
<b>1997</b>							
December qtr	532	511	986	2 029	732	1 297	2 029
<b>1998</b>							
March qtr	337	285	749	1 371	441	931	1 371
June qtr	622	394	1 012	2 029	654	1 374	2 029
September qtr	484	342	924	1 750	573	1 177	1 750
December qtr	457	351	1 114	1 922	583	1 339	1 922
<b>1999</b>							
March qtr	376	323	1 231	1 929	473	1 457	1 929

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



## 29

## VALUE OF INTERSTATE EXPORTS(a)

Period	Selected commodities(b)						
	Total	Meat(c)	Crude materials, inedible(d)	Chemicals & related materials	Manuf. goods class. chiefly by material	Machinery & transport equipment	Miscellaneous manufactured items
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>1992-93</b>	4 235 353	180 508	743 687	178 785	857 203	656 852	252 174
<b>1993-94</b>	4 627 314	213 859	757 955	190 465	925 859	868 571	294 577
<b>1994-95</b>	5 326 975	203 049	705 341	196 411	1 130 058	1 086 216	329 097
<b>1995-96</b>	6 219 976	174 819	760 638	265 811	1 318 475	974 455	397 904
<b>1996-97</b>	6 022 732	149 247	717 739	318 837	1 142 478	920 284	437 023
<b>1997-98</b>	6 368 399	236 531	653 479	424 401	1 050 763	1 121 902	397 724
<b>1997</b>							
December qtr	1 672 975	59 528	164 126	94 964	267 595	291 783	121 439
<b>1998</b>							
March qtr	1 436 112	56 336	158 752	117 888	245 463	266 081	83 825
June qtr	1 516 796	67 047	149 348	112 967	257 465	266 932	80 159
September qtr	1 551 478	71 069	155 049	98 826	275 014	244 591	80 740
December qtr	1 587 144	73 568	151 051	111 594	251 630	253 504	110 959
<b>1999</b>							
March qtr	1 419 533	65 230	172 724	110 081	202 781	251 873	82 161

(a) Interstate exports are compiled using a classification based on the Standard International Trade Classification (Revision 3).

(b) These are selected major items only and therefore do not add to the totals shown.

(c) All meat and meat products, fresh, frozen, preserved or canned.

(d) Including gold ores and concentrates.

Source: Office of Economic and Statistical Research.

## 30

## VALUE OF INTERSTATE IMPORTS(a)

Period	Selected commodities(b)						
	Total	Food & live animals	Mineral fuels and lubricants	Chemicals	Iron & steel	Machinery & transport equipment	Miscellaneous manufactured items
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>1992-93</b>	9 768 709	1 438 186	598 897	1 257 271	645 807	2 844 247	1 273 387
<b>1993-94</b>	11 426 272	1 781 351	728 036	1 387 728	752 374	3 368 671	1 559 800
<b>1994-95</b>	12 496 497	1 948 425	754 779	1 472 191	796 620	3 794 489	1 737 118
<b>1995-96</b>	13 381 379	1 823 107	1 543 589	1 601 163	830 520	3 869 286	1 680 581
<b>1996-97</b>	13 486 288	1 809 836	1 438 294	1 710 559	782 342	3 913 782	1 815 744
<b>1997-98</b>	14 303 616	2 017 014	1 422 408	1 838 664	766 908	4 211 380	1 919 678
<b>1997</b>							
December qtr	3 830 797	531 574	362 474	475 539	190 572	1 094 076	579 637
<b>1998</b>							
March qtr	3 314 122	515 612	328 570	423 006	189 561	977 293	416 195
June qtr	3 528 331	464 155	352 050	477 684	180 714	1 123 044	415 476
September qtr	3 659 879	442 159	322 602	499 521	212 286	1 042 541	486 069
December qtr	3 772 022	491 671	290 765	516 032	188 022	1 033 476	607 625
<b>1999</b>							
March qtr	3 256 997	396 180	218 014	479 703	206 863	956 898	464 460

(a) Interstate imports are compiled using a classification based on the Standard International Trade Classification (Revision 3).

(b) These are selected major items only and therefore do not add to the totals shown.

Source: Office of Economic and Statistical Research.

Period	Selected commodities(b)					
	Total(c)	Meat(d)	Wool(e)	Coal	Cereal grains	Nonferrous metals
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>1993-94</b>	12 273 966	1 857 278	119 220	4 143 343	183 977	860 105
<b>1994-95</b>	12 747 169	1 597 302	170 231	4 124 509	83 496	836 778
<b>1995-96</b>	13 924 591	1 404 938	114 619	4 481 771	210 687	930 166
<b>1996-97</b>	13 879 798	1 218 811	113 654	4 557 376	544 259	779 231
<b>1997-98</b>	16 650 060	1 626 556	110 311	5 526 115	370 307	1 298 621
<b>1998-99</b>	16 199 036	1 904 822	72 080	5 518 526	313 548	1 454 848
<b>1998</b>						
March	1 295 535	139 627	5 193	411 475	11 642	141 700
April	1 428 961	117 964	7 889	469 675	8 577	94 295
May	1 535 874	168 610	6 985	501 646	22 298	130 832
June	1 543 019	165 918	6 717	494 164	39 461	121 327
July	1 506 395	177 108	8 373	486 393	16 981	125 455
August	1 532 705	160 951	6 203	483 765	31 840	124 212
September	1 557 954	184 986	7 381	560 555	13 762	107 139
October	1 451 155	175 237	6 848	455 332	12 950	105 662
November	1 422 524	156 944	5 790	430 489	40 613	112 486
December	1 373 106	165 888	5 323	479 658	38 959	121 602
<b>1999</b>						
January	1 063 746	68 857	1 839	448 217	22 930	126 322
February	1 160 012	144 037	5 016	463 258	15 512	120 959
March	1 277 477	180 449	5 378	438 169	11 498	117 169
April	1 217 611	170 922	6 079	417 694	57 747	115 748
May	1 344 384	162 078	7 072	433 727	30 447	134 446
June	1 291 966	157 365	6 777	421 270	20 310	143 648

(a) Foreign export data are compiled on the Harmonised Commodity Description Coding System (HCDCS), not the Standard International Trade Classification (Revision 3).

(b) These are selected major items only and therefore do not add to the totals shown.

(c) Excluding non-merchandise trade; including re-exports.

(d) All meats and meat products, fresh, frozen or canned.

(e) Greasy or scoured.

Source: Unpublished data.

Period	Selected commodity groups(b)						
	Total(c)	Live animals, food, beverages & tobacco	Mineral fuels, lubricants, etc.	Chemicals	Machinery and transport equipment		Other manufactured goods(d)
					Road motor vehicles	Other	
\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>1993-94</b>	6 869 158	262 200	781 510	414 511	1 285 946	1 543 129	1 433 298
<b>1994-95</b>	7 771 035	336 535	809 042	476 033	1 647 337	1 891 645	1 610 273
<b>1995-96</b>	8 052 202	311 775	1 107 635	586 291	1 499 924	1 924 300	1 682 702
<b>1996-97</b>	8 636 792	321 815	1 223 676	698 279	1 629 122	2 255 045	1 731 143
<b>1997-98</b>	9 750 957	393 123	1 162 980	801 915	2 255 137	2 337 907	2 116 550
<b>1998-99</b>	10 811 906	413 222	1 092 167	897 462	2 309 454	3 000 078	2 281 107
<b>1998</b>							
April	756 943	28 626	51 839	75 124	212 110	170 842	167 441
May	853 861	30 867	91 978	48 450	180 636	249 897	177 392
June	884 197	31 290	78 616	70 894	236 030	228 162	176 012
July	978 533	33 853	86 947	77 227	217 604	265 382	229 274
August	829 945	30 270	71 880	68 985	178 359	207 126	201 577
September	986 167	37 169	98 934	73 580	189 368	319 027	208 049
October	987 965	33 887	75 867	92 161	217 215	281 275	205 659
November	958 991	39 717	99 043	74 457	153 782	321 282	208 837
December	924 813	37 865	77 945	79 669	162 545	305 348	186 685
<b>1999</b>							
January	780 999	31 536	65 877	73 637	143 607	226 484	174 435
February	795 232	37 610	105 320	57 989	189 753	179 296	165 755
March	966 897	34 927	92 096	77 355	254 706	243 883	198 292
April	887 995	32 104	112 058	68 764	192 305	239 235	168 412
May	837 907	30 607	109 926	78 561	184 143	216 269	161 726
June	876 461	33 676	96 275	75 079	226 067	195 471	172 406

(a) Imports relate to the State in which the import entry was lodged with the Australian Customs Service. Foreign import data are compiled using the Standard International Trade Classification (Revision 3), not the Harmonised Commodity Description Coding System (HCDCS).

(b) These are selected major groups only and therefore do not add to the totals shown. Imports are recorded statistically in the calendar month in which the import entries are both finalised by the Australian Customs Service and passed to the ABS for further processing.

(c) Excluding non-merchandise trade.

(d) Manufactured goods not included in the other selected commodity groups listed in this table.

Source: Unpublished data.

## 33

## RETAIL TRADE(a), TURNOVER—BY INDUSTRY

Period	Food retailing	Department stores	Clothing & soft goods retailing	Household goods retailing	Recreational goods retailing	Other retailing	Hospitality & services	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<b>1998-99</b>	10 714.7	2 040.8	2 013.6	2 562.1	1 710.3	2 782.5	5 046.6	<b>26 871.0</b>
<b>1998</b>								
April	847.3	150.5	141.1	167.1	116.2	213.3	405.5	<b>2 041.0</b>
May	868.7	152.5	154.9	177.0	116.4	227.0	409.5	<b>2 106.1</b>
June	820.1	140.4	160.4	181.3	124.2	223.0	399.7	<b>2 049.0</b>
July	870.6	164.4	164.0	194.1	123.9	230.5	426.2	<b>2 173.7</b>
August	856.0	148.1	154.5	199.2	129.6	222.9	439.5	<b>2 149.9</b>
September	872.1	162.8	167.0	196.6	140.3	223.8	409.3	<b>2 172.0</b>
October	916.1	172.7	176.8	204.5	150.5	235.9	463.9	<b>2 320.6</b>
November	857.4	184.3	162.0	206.0	142.4	234.0	434.9	<b>2 221.0</b>
December	975.3	319.5	222.6	259.1	202.0	319.0	497.0	<b>2 794.5</b>
<b>1999</b>								
January	928.3	156.9	165.4	229.2	149.6	221.6	424.9	<b>2 275.8</b>
February	837.2	120.2	136.3	208.3	129.7	200.4	369.6	<b>2 001.7</b>
March	933.1	143.4	161.6	223.4	141.5	220.1	399.2	<b>2 222.4</b>
April	908.3	152.9	164.4	205.1	131.0	214.6	391.4	<b>2 167.6</b>
May	884.1	158.9	165.7	212.3	136.0	225.6	401.0	<b>2 183.6</b>
June	876.2	156.7	173.3	224.3	133.8	234.1	389.7	<b>2 188.2</b>

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

## 34

## REGISTRATION OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES

Period	Original series							Seasonally adjusted series	
	Trucks						Motor cycles	Passenger vehicles	Total motor vehicles(a)
	Passenger vehicles	Light commercial vehicles	Rigid	Articulated	Non-freight-carrying	Buses			
no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	
<b>1993-94</b>	86 045	20 489	2 488	739	144	778	3 522	..	..
<b>1994-95</b>	92 586	21 605	2 743	1 047	190	1 019	3 954	..	..
<b>1995-96</b>	98 610	21 292	2 200	594	122	993	4 297	..	..
<b>1996-97</b>	100 546	21 416	2 143	715	206	938	4 323	..	..
<b>1997-98</b>	118 316	23 793	2 494	829	480	817	4 779	..	..
<b>1998-99</b>	118 400	24 521	3 031	893	282	759	5 970	..	..
<b>1998</b>									
April	9 429	1 970	227	53	24	57	412	9 721	12 117
May	9 010	2 093	216	72	15	83	350	9 430	11 832
June	14 615	3 438	294	92	33	80	534	12 425	15 194
July	11 378	1 973	248	100	26	75	455	10 119	12 371
August	9 961	1 684	226	69	21	57	419	10 329	12 695
September	10 003	1 999	278	75	21	58	472	9 693	12 139
October	9 718	1 920	222	100	25	63	469	9 564	11 940
November	9 891	2 358	239	74	22	74	528	11 154	14 123
December	11 367	2 093	306	59	30	79	471	10 361	12 946
<b>1999</b>									
January	7 595	1 602	153	39	11	49	417	9 351	11 825
February	9 025	1 980	250	44	14	58	499	9 831	12 409
March	11 910	2 451	256	78	25	64	599	10 752	13 323
April	7 543	1 588	197	58	27	47	353	8 344	10 468
May	8 672	1 994	296	86	27	59	646	9 153	11 454
June	11 337	2 879	360	111	33	76	642	8 908	11 232

(a) Excluding motor cycles, plant, equipment and trailers.

Source: Queensland Department of Transport; Commonwealth Department of Administrative Services.

Period	Persons killed			Persons injured		
	Brisbane Statistical Division	Rest of State	Total	Brisbane Statistical Division	Rest of State	Total
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
<b>1993</b>	111	285	396	3 998	5 930	9 928
<b>1994</b>	129	293	422	4 449	6 356	10 805
<b>1995</b>	113	343	456	4 744	6 584	11 328
<b>1996</b>	93	292	385	4 420	6 892	11 312
<b>1997</b>	79	282	361	4 127	6 497	10 264
<b>1998</b>	66	213	279	4 253	6 421	10 674
<b>1998</b>						
May	6	8	14	378	564	942
June	11	14	25	359	571	930
July	6	27	33	380	560	940
August	2	23	25	411	591	1 002
September	8	16	24	333	518	851
October	6	14	20	373	581	954
November	7	26	33	391	620	1 011
December	5	23	28	318	495	813
<b>1999</b>						
January	8	16	24	265	526	791
February	4	8	12	297	470	767
March	2	25	27	351	530	881
April	7	12	19	280	501	781
May	8	22	30	345	478	823
June	4	20	24	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
July	8	25	33	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) Including certificates of deposit.

(b) Excluding public sector securities held by banks and commercial lending through intermediaries.

Source: Unpublished data.

Period	Establish-ments	Guest rooms	Bed spaces	Room nights occupied	Room occupancy rate	Guest nights	Bed occupancy rate	Guest arrivals	Takings from accom-modation
	no.	no.	no.	'000	%	'000	%	'000	\$'000
<b>1997</b>	..	..	..	10 034.9	60.5	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1 012 127
<b>1998</b>	..	..	..	10 317.9	58.2	19 896.8	35.4	7 590.0	1 015 007
<b>1998</b>									
January	] 887	47 314	150 153	837.1	57.3	1 783.8	38.5	623.7	91 147
February				697.8	53.0	1 255.3	30.0	508.5	68 531
March				767.2	52.5	1 370.5	29.6	560.8	74 884
April	] 906	48 547	154 004	792.5	55.2	1 553.5	34.0	601.4	78 238
May				767.5	51.5	1 387.2	29.3	575.8	71 202
June				812.2	55.8	1 545.6	33.5	620.6	72 848
July				942.1	62.3	1 861.1	38.9	694.6	88 122
August	] 903	49 019	155 077	969.4	64.2	1 852.5	38.8	684.8	93 357
September				938.9	64.2	1 828.7	39.5	693.8	92 171
October				1 024.2	66.2	1 984.4	40.2	724.1	105 173
November	] 922	50 349	160 657	917.9	61.1	1 712.4	35.7	647.4	90 784
December				851.0	54.7	1 761.9	35.5	654.5	88 550
<b>1999</b>									
January	] 920	50 475	160 920	902.0	57.8	1 957.0	39.3	640.0	93 555
February				752.9	53.4	1 381.4	30.7	531.0	71 481
March				834.4	53.4	1 541.7	30.9	585.7	79 363

(a) Comprising establishments with 15 or more rooms or units, according to revised scope criteria from March quarter 1998 and retabulated data for comparison purposes for 1997. See *Tourist Accommodation, Australia* (8635.0).

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

Period	Rainfall			Shade temperature			
	Average(a) mm	Total mm	Wet days(b) no.	Absolute maximum °C	Absolute minimum °C	Mean maximum °C	Mean minimum °C
<b>1993</b>	1 178	726	117	36.3	4.2	25.3	15.8
<b>1994</b>		838	113	37.5	0.6	25.2	14.7
<b>1995</b>		1 128	116	37.6	1.3	25.2	15.4
<b>1996</b>		1 478	111	34.5	1.8	25.3	15.2
<b>1997</b>		845	101	33.2	1.2	25.2	15.4
<b>1998</b>		1 032	121	34.4	3.9	25.7	16.2
<b>1998</b>							
May	98	157	10	26.9	6.9	23.9	13.7
June	70	12	7	24.9	3.9	21.5	10.7
July	62	30	9	25.8	4.3	20.8	10.8
August	41	123	10	24.4	6.0	21.7	12.3
September	33	104	12	26.6	9.7	23.5	14.5
October	93	31	6	33.1	8.9	26.1	15.5
November	97	109	8	28.0	12.5	26.0	16.6
December	126	88	12	33.5	13.3	28.5	19.5
<b>1999</b>							
January	158	244	15	33.3	19.1	28.9	21.1
February	173	332	19	31.3	18.6	28.0	20.6
March	140	159	15	30.9	17.5	27.8	20.1
April	89	77	11	28.2	7.5	24.9	15.5
May	98	76	16	25.7	9.7	23.4	14.5
June	70	198	11	23.4	3.3	20.3	10.7
July	62	141	18	22.7	3.8	20.3	11.1

(a) Average of all years of record.

(b) Days on which 0.1 millimetres or more of rain fell.

Source: Bureau of Meteorology.

## SELF-HELP ACCESS TO STATISTICS

- CPI INFOLINE* For current and historical Consumer Price Index data, call 1902 981 074 (call cost 75c per minute).
- DIAL-A-STATISTIC* For the latest figures for National Accounts, Balance of Payments, Labour Force, Average Weekly Earnings, Estimated Resident Population and the Consumer Price Index call 1900 986 400 (call cost 75c per minute).
- INTERNET* [www.abs.gov.au](http://www.abs.gov.au)
- LIBRARY* A range of ABS publications is available from public and tertiary libraries Australia-wide. Contact your nearest library to determine whether it has the ABS statistics you require.

## WHY NOT SUBSCRIBE?

- PHONE* +61 1300 366 323
- FAX* +61 03 9615 7848

## CONSULTANCY SERVICES

ABS offers consultancy services on a user pays basis to help you access published and unpublished data. Data that is already published and can be provided within 5 minutes is free of charge. Statistical methodological services are also available. Please contact:

<i>INQUIRIES</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>By phone</i>	<i>By fax</i>
	Canberra	02 6252 6627	02 6207 0282
	Sydney	02 9268 4611	02 9268 4668
	Melbourne	03 9615 7755	03 9615 7798
	Brisbane	07 3222 6351	07 3222 6283
	Perth	08 9360 5140	08 9360 5955
	Adelaide	08 8237 7400	08 8237 7566
	Hobart	03 6222 5800	03 6222 5995
	Darwin	08 8943 2111	08 8981 1218

*POST* Client Services, ABS, PO Box 10, Belconnen ACT 2616

*EMAIL* [client.services@abs.gov.au](mailto:client.services@abs.gov.au)



2130430009996  
ISSN 0048-6396

RRP \$16.50