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NEW SOUTH WALES

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GENERAL

This publication provides information on a wide range of economic indicators which are the latest available at the time of publication. In a number of cases, figures appearing in this summary are preliminary and are subject to revision in subsequent issues.

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT AND TREND ESTIMATION

Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from a series so that the effects of other variations on that series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove the irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present. This means that movements of seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour. Smoothing seasonally adjusted series produces a measure of the underlying trend by reducing the impact of the irregular component of the series. This smoothing technique does result in revisions to the most recent estimates as additional observations become available. For an explanation of seasonal adjustment derivation, refer to the publication *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators* (Cat. no. 1308.0).

STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES

One measure of the variability which occurs as a result of surveying only samples of the total business population is the standard error. There are about two chances in three that a survey estimate is within one standard error of the figure that would have been obtained if all businesses had been included, and about 19 chances in 20 that it is within two standard errors. The standard error can also be expressed as a percentage of the estimate and this is known as the relative standard error (RSE). For detailed explanatory notes and definitions for the items shown in this publication, readers are referred to the specific ABS publications.

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SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

kWh	kilowatt hour
teraJ	terajoule
n.a.	not available
n.p.	not available for publication but included in totals where applicable
n.y.a	not yet available
r	figure or series revised since previous issue
. .	not applicable

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NSW OVERVIEW

EMPLOYMENT	Employment in NSW increased by 17,700 in September 1999 to 2,950,900 in seasonally adjusted terms. National employment in September 1999 was 8,831,400.
UNEMPLOYMENT	Unemployment in NSW rose by 2.7% to a seasonally adjusted figure of 218,600 in September 1999. The unemployment rate rose from 6.8% in August 1999 to 6.9% in September 1999. The national unemployment rate was 7.4% in September 1999.
INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES	In NSW in July 1999 there were 23,000 working days lost due to industrial disputes which accounted for almost half of the working days lost nationally.
BUILDING APPROVALS	The seasonally adjusted number of new dwelling units approved for NSW in August 1999 rose by 9.2% from the previous month to 5,027.
RETAIL	In seasonally adjusted terms, total retail sales for NSW in August 1999 was \$4,134.3 million. For July 1999, the figure was \$4,046.5 million.
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS	New motor vehicle registrations for NSW in seasonally adjusted terms in August 1999 fell 9.3% from the previous month to 21,306.
FINANCE	The seasonally adjusted value of housing finance commitments for owner occupation in NSW in August 1999 was \$2,560 million, up 9.2% on the previous month and an overall increase of 42.5% since August 1998.

MAIN FEATURES

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

New motor vehicle registrations for NSW in seasonally adjusted terms in August 1999 fell 9.3% from the previous month to 21,306. New registrations of passenger vehicles (17,842) and other vehicles (3,464) fell 9.0% and 10.8% respectively over the same period. Nationally, new motor vehicle registrations in August 1999 fell 3.6% to 60,298 compared to July 1999.

Compared to the figures a year ago, seasonally adjusted new motor vehicle registrations for NSW in August 1999 fell 4.7%, with passenger vehicles falling by 6.5% and other vehicles up by 6.1%. Nationally, new motor vehicle registrations also fell (9.3%), with passenger vehicles decreasing by 12.0% and other vehicles increasing by 5.7%.

For NSW, the trend for new motor vehicle registrations has fallen over the last two months and is 0.7% lower than the recent peak in June 1999.

FINANCE

The seasonally adjusted estimate for the value of housing finance commitments in NSW was \$2,560 million in August 1999, a rise of 9.2% from July 1999. This figure increased by 42.5% since August 1998.

In original terms, there was an overall increase of 43.7% in total commitments in NSW for the year to August 1999. There were increases in all contributing indicators, with the exception of commitments for the purchase of newly erected dwellings which fell by 3.5% to \$90 million. Commitments to purchase established dwellings increased 54.2% to \$1,806 million and commitments for the construction of dwellings rose by 27.8% to \$287 million. Commitments for refinancing also rose, up 29.7% to \$399 million.

The average borrowing size in NSW in August 1999 was \$164,100, up 11.0% on the average of \$147,800 recorded for August 1998.

Nationally, the seasonally adjusted value of lending commitments for housing finance rose by 6.1% to \$6,011 million in August 1999 and was 33.7% higher than in August 1998.

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1 ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION—NSW

Period	Estimated resident population at end of period			Increase during period			Mean estimated resident population for year ended	
	Males	Females	Persons	Natural increase(a)	Net estimated migration	Total increase(b)	30 June	31 December
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
1996	3 098.9	3 143.1	6 241.9	41.8	31.3	73.1	6 167.2	6 204.2
1997	3 128.9	3 171.5	6 300.5	40.9	17.6	58.5	6 240.9	6 276.1
1998	3 168.3	3 207.8	6 376.2	40.5	35.2	75.7	6 307.1	6 344.3
1997								
December qtr	3 128.9	3 171.5	6 300.5	10.8	0.6	11.5	..	..
1998								
March qtr	3 139.1	3 180.4	6 319.6	10.3	8.8	19.1	..	..
June qtr	3 146.3	3 187.2	6 333.5	9.9	4.1	14.0	..	..
September qtr	3 157.3	3 197.6	6 354.9	8.2	13.2	21.4	..	..
December qtr	3 168.3	3 207.8	6 376.2	12.1	9.1	21.2	..	..
1999								
March qtr	3 179.0	3 218.2	6 397.2	9.1	11.9	21.0	..	..

(a) Excess of live births over deaths.

(b) For dates prior to June 1996, differences between the total increase shown and the sum of the natural increase and net estimated migration arise from retrospective adjustments to population estimates (which are made after each Census) to compensate for any intercensal discrepancy. A description of intercensal discrepancy is contained in the ABS *Information Paper: Demographic Estimates—Concepts, Sources and Methods* (Cat. no. 3228.0).

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

2 LABOUR—NSW AND AUSTRALIA

Indicator	Unit	New South Wales				Australia		
		Latest period	Latest figure	Change	Change	Latest figure	Change	Change
				from prior period	from same period prior year		from prior period	from same period prior year
		%	%	no.	%	%		
Employed persons (seasonally adjusted)	'000	Sep 99	2 950.9	0.6	1.9	8 831.4	0.1	2.0
Unemployed persons (seasonally adjusted)	'000	Sep 99	218.6	2.7	-3.8	702.9	3.0	-6.8
Labour force (seasonally adjusted)	'000	Sep 99	3 169.5	0.7	1.5	9 534.4	0.3	1.3
Participation rate (seasonally adjusted)	%	Sep 99	62.3	0.6	0.2	63.4	0.2	-0.3
Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)	%	Sep 99	6.9	1.5	-5.5	7.4	2.8	-7.5
Industrial disputes—working days lost	'000	July 99	23.0	489.7	123.3	47.5	66.1	112.1
Job vacancies	'000	Aug 99	36.3	22.2	37.5	88.0	23.6	20.5
Average weekly employee earnings—full-time adult ordinary time earnings (seasonally adjusted)	\$	May 99	791.8	1.1	5.7	750.9	1.1	3.3

Source: *Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia* (Cat. no. 6302.0); *Industrial Disputes, Australia* (Cat. no. 6321.0); *Job Vacancies and Overtime, Australia* (Cat. no. 6354.0); *Labour Force, Australia, Preliminary* (Cat. no. 6202.0).

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Period	Seasonally adjusted						
	Employed persons '000	Unemployed persons '000	Labour force '000	Participation rate %	Unemployment rate %	Industrial disputes (working days lost) '000	Job vacancies '000
1998							
July	2 890.0	230.9	3 120.9	62.3	7.4	10.3	..
August	2 851.9	230.8	3 082.7	61.5	7.5	20.8	26.4
September	2 895.0	227.3	3 122.3	62.2	7.3	7.6	..
October	2 904.6	207.2	3 111.8	61.9	6.7	8.9	..
November	2 859.4	238.2	3 097.6	61.6	7.7	10.6	24.1
December	2 891.5	211.5	3 103.0	61.6	6.8	28.8	..
1999							
January	2 884.6	215.2	3 099.8	61.5	6.9	2.7	..
February	2 906.0	208.7	3 114.7	61.7	6.7	40.3	24.4
March	2 903.5	219.8	3 123.3	61.8	7.0	7.8	..
April	2 901.0	216.1	3 117.1	61.6	6.9	2.1	..
May	2 918.7	203.5	3 122.2	61.6	6.5	3.1	29.7
June	2 929.1	200.0	3 129.1	61.7	6.4	3.9	..
July	2 942.5	191.3	3 133.8	61.7	6.1	23.0	..
August	2 933.2	212.8	3 146.0	61.9	6.8	n.y.a.	36.3
September	2 950.9	218.6	3 169.5	62.3	6.9	n.y.a.	..

Source: *Industrial Disputes, Australia* (Cat. no. 6321.0); *Job Vacancies and Overtime, Australia* (Cat. no. 6354.0); *Labour Force, Australia, Preliminary* (Cat. no. 6202.0).

4 LABOUR FORCE STATUS, NSW—ORIGINAL

Month	<i>Employed</i>		<i>Unemployed</i>		Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 years and over	Unemployment rate(a)	Participation rate(b)
	Full-time workers	Total	Looking for full-time work	Total					
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%
MALES									
September									
1995	1 422.6	1 596.4	125.7	144.7	1 741.1	625.1	2 366.2	8.3	73.6
1996	1 424.6	1 604.0	124.5	143.9	1 747.9	650.8	2 398.7	8.2	72.9
1997	1 433.7	1 612.7	124.0	145.6	1 758.3	672.0	2 430.3	8.3	72.3
1998									
July	1 465.0	1 641.6	114.2	126.6	1 768.2	691.5	2 459.7	7.2	71.9
August	1 424.3	1 599.4	115.5	134.6	1 734.1	728.4	2 462.4	7.8	70.4
September	1 466.6	1 649.3	117.0	134.2	1 783.4	681.8	2 465.2	7.5	72.3
October	1 460.5	1 648.9	96.8	110.5	1 759.4	709.0	2 468.4	6.3	71.3
November	1 441.2	1 633.0	112.0	129.4	1 762.4	709.1	2 471.5	7.3	71.3
December	1 467.6	1 658.3	107.6	121.5	1 779.8	695.0	2 474.7	6.8	71.9
1999									
January	1 447.1	1 633.0	124.6	140.8	1 773.8	703.8	2 477.5	7.9	71.6
February	1 453.4	1 644.9	113.5	133.1	1 778.0	702.4	2 480.3	7.5	71.7
March	1 454.3	1 661.9	102.9	126.1	1 788.0	695.2	2 483.1	7.1	72.0
April	1 456.1	1 657.8	95.6	115.5	1 773.3	713.3	2 486.6	6.5	71.3
May	1 460.0	1 662.7	93.3	110.1	1 772.8	717.2	2 490.0	6.2	71.2
June	1 459.4	1 668.1	91.6	108.0	1 776.1	717.3	2 493.4	6.1	71.2
July	1 491.8	1 687.4	83.2	101.3	1 788.7	707.7	2 496.4	5.7	71.7
August	1 464.1	1 662.6	95.9	115.3	1 777.8	721.6	2 499.4	6.5	71.1
September	1 502.7	1 696.2	97.6	124.8	1 820.9	681.5	2 502.4	6.9	72.8
FEMALES									
September									
1995	740.7	1 218.1	58.3	84.9	1 303.0	1 150.3	2 453.3	6.5	53.1
1996	723.8	1 210.0	65.8	103.3	1 313.3	1 177.0	2 490.4	7.9	52.7
1997	724.3	1 228.1	62.7	95.5	1 323.5	1 198.1	2 521.6	7.2	52.5
1998									
July	765.8	1 259.0	59.7	88.2	1 347.2	1 201.3	2 548.5	6.5	52.9
August	724.7	1 220.6	62.4	85.0	1 305.5	1 245.5	2 551.1	6.5	51.2
September	756.9	1 276.0	61.7	97.1	1 373.1	1 180.6	2 553.7	7.1	53.8
October	751.4	1 258.7	54.8	90.3	1 349.0	1 207.6	2 556.6	6.7	52.8
November	733.3	1 235.5	61.0	96.8	1 332.3	1 227.2	2 559.6	7.3	52.1
December	762.7	1 276.6	57.4	86.6	1 363.3	1 199.2	2 562.5	6.4	53.2
1999									
January	739.5	1 218.0	62.6	90.1	1 308.0	1 257.1	2 565.1	6.9	51.0
February	738.4	1 236.4	67.4	104.5	1 340.9	1 226.8	2 567.7	7.8	52.2
March	728.8	1 238.3	64.3	108.7	1 347.0	1 223.3	2 570.2	8.1	52.4
April	726.0	1 242.6	62.5	98.5	1 341.2	1 232.0	2 573.2	7.3	52.1
May	729.5	1 250.2	56.8	90.0	1 340.3	1 235.9	2 576.1	6.7	52.0
June	746.9	1 264.6	52.3	81.5	1 346.2	1 232.9	2 579.1	6.1	52.2
July	754.9	1 265.7	53.2	76.5	1 342.2	1 239.8	2 582.0	5.7	52.0
August	723.4	1 237.1	54.9	86.7	1 323.8	1 261.2	2 584.9	6.5	51.2
September	749.9	1 285.6	61.3	97.6	1 383.2	1 204.7	2 587.9	7.1	53.4

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4 LABOUR FORCE STATUS, NSW—ORIGINAL—continued

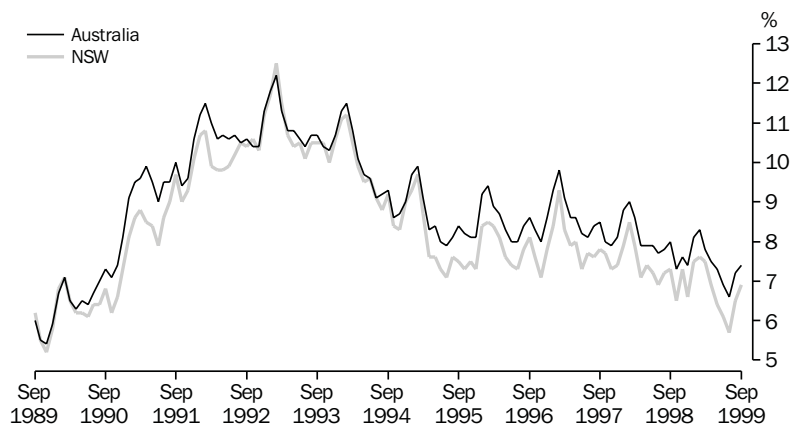
Month	Employed		Unemployed		Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 years and over	Unemployment rate(a)	Participation rate(b)
	Full-time workers	Total	Looking for full-time work	Total					
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%
PERSONS									
September									
1995	2 163.3	2 814.6	184.0	229.5	3 044.1	1 775.4	4 819.6	7.5	63.2
1996	2 148.4	2 814.0	190.2	247.2	3 061.2	1 827.8	4 889.0	8.1	62.6
1997	2 158.0	2 840.8	186.6	241.0	3 081.8	1 870.1	4 951.9	7.8	62.2
1998									
July	2 230.8	2 900.5	173.8	214.8	3 115.3	1 892.8	5 008.2	6.9	62.2
August	2 149.1	2 820.0	177.9	219.6	3 039.6	1 973.9	5 013.5	7.2	60.6
September	2 223.5	2 925.2	178.7	231.3	3 156.5	1 862.4	5 018.9	7.3	62.9
October	2 211.9	2 907.6	151.6	200.8	3 108.4	1 916.6	5 025.0	6.5	61.9
November	2 174.5	2 868.5	173.0	226.3	3 094.7	1 936.4	5 031.1	7.3	61.5
December	2 230.2	2 934.9	165.0	208.1	3 143.1	1 894.2	5 037.2	6.6	62.4
1999									
January	2 186.6	2 850.9	187.1	230.9	3 081.8	1 960.9	5 042.6	7.5	61.1
February	2 191.8	2 881.3	180.9	237.5	3 118.8	1 929.2	5 048.0	7.6	61.8
March	2 183.2	2 900.2	167.2	234.8	3 134.9	1 918.4	5 053.4	7.5	62.0
April	2 182.1	2 900.4	158.1	214.0	3 114.5	1 945.3	5 059.8	6.9	61.6
May	2 189.6	2 912.9	150.2	200.1	3 113.1	1 953.1	5 066.1	6.4	61.4
June	2 206.3	2 932.7	143.9	189.6	3 122.3	1 950.3	5 072.5	6.1	61.6
July	2 246.7	2 953.2	136.4	177.8	3 131.0	1 947.5	5 078.5	5.7	61.7
August	2 187.6	2 899.6	150.8	202.0	3 101.6	1 982.8	5 084.4	6.5	61.0
September	2 252.6	2 981.8	158.9	222.4	3 204.2	1 868.2	5 090.3	6.9	62.9

(a) The number of unemployed in each group expressed as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.

(b) The labour force in each group expressed as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group.

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

5 UNEMPLOYMENT RATE—ORIGINAL



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

6 COAL, ELECTRICITY AND GAS PRODUCTION, NSW AND AUSTRALIA—ORIGINAL

Indicator	Unit	Latest period	New South Wales				Australia		
			Latest figure	Change	Change	Latest figure	Change	Change	
				from prior period	from same period prior year		from prior period	from same period prior year	
%	%	%	%	%					
Raw coal won—									
Underground	'000 tonnes	July 99	4 137	-20.6	-19.8	7 505	-17.3	13.4	
Open cut	'000 tonnes	July 99	6 270	-15.8	-13.4	17 663	1.7	11.4	
Total	'000 tonnes	July 99	10 407	-17.8	-16.1	25 168	-4.8	12.0	
Electricity	mill. kWh	Jun qtr 99	16 365	4.8	5.2	45 227	0.3	2.1	
Gas(a)	teraJ	Jun qtr 99	30 428	36.0	2.8	181 952	25.5	4.3	

(a) Available for issue through mains. Includes ACT.

Source: Joint Coal Board for NSW and Australia from ABS unpublished statistics, Manufacturing Production, Australia (Cat. no. 8301.0).

7 COAL, ELECTRICITY AND GAS PRODUCTION, NSW—ORIGINAL

Period	Raw coal won			Electricity	Gas(a)
	Underground	Open cut	Total		
	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes		
1996-97	54 642	69 036	123 678	62 788	109 284
1997-98	58 299	75 710	134 009	61 804	111 665
1998-99	51 158	80 209	131 367	63 743	110 092
1998					
April	5 160	7 052	12 212	15 561	29 614
May	4 648	5 851	10 499		
June	4 842	6 811	11 653		
July	5 130	7 241	12 371	16 543	32 258
August	3 788	5 616	9 404		
September	4 734	6 372	11 106		
October	4 732	7 131	11 863	15 227	25 039
November	3 988	6 931	10 919		
December	3 346	6 500	9 846		
1999					
January	3 273	6 159	9 432	15 609	22 367
February	3 848	6 913	10 761		
March	4 921	7 827	12 748		
April	3 525	5 768	9 293	16 365	30 428
May	4 664	6 303	10 967		
June	5 209	7 448	12 657		
July	4 137	6 270	10 407	n.a.	n.a.

(a) Available for issue through mains. Includes ACT.

Source: Joint Coal Board, Manufacturing Production, Australia (Cat. no. 8301.0).

8 BUILDING APPROVALS—NSW AND AUSTRALIA

Indicator	Unit	Latest period	Latest figure	New South Wales		Australia		
				Change from prior period %	Change from same period prior year %	Latest figure	Change from prior period %	Change from same period prior year %
Number of dwelling units(a) (seasonally adjusted)—								
New houses	no.	Aug 99	2 528	-8.3	25.3	9 562	-1.4	13.7
Total	no.	Aug 99	5 027	9.2	30.0	14 408	3.7	19.2
Value of new residential building (seasonally adjusted)	\$m	Aug 99	649.0	6.7	43.0	1 778.2	11.6	34.4
Value of alterations and additions to residential building(b) (seasonally adjusted)	\$m	Aug 99	118.5	13.7	25.9	310.6	8.3	29.5
Value of non-residential building(c) (original)	\$m	Aug 99	507.5	-2.6	-17.1	1 090.4	-9.4	-25.1
Value of all building (original)	\$m	Aug 99	1 271.9	1.1	9.8	3 235.5	0.1	5.9

(a) Includes dwelling units approved as part of the construction of non-residential building and alterations and additions to existing buildings (including conversions to dwelling units).

(b) Valued at \$10,000 or more. Includes conversions of existing buildings into residential buildings.

(c) Valued at \$50,000 or more.

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

9 BUILDING APPROVALS—NSW

Period	Number of dwelling units(a), seasonally adjusted				Value of building approvals			
	New houses		Total		Seasonally adjusted		Original	
	Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total	New residential building	Alterations and additions to residential building(b)	Non-residential building(c)	All building
	no.	no.	no.	no.	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1996-97	..	..	..	..	..	..	5 169.2	11 356.6
1997-98	..	..	..	..	..	..	5 910.9	13 348.6
1998-99	..	..	..	..	..	..	4 534.9	11 872.4
1998								
June	2 585	2 628	5 027	5 116	569.3	141.9	534.3	1 214.8
July	2 305	2 492	4 628	4 954	569.0	127.0	329.9	1 103.2
August	1 999	2 017	3 696	3 866	453.9	94.1	612.0	1 158.0
September	2 051	2 073	3 810	3 904	423.1	101.5	322.9	867.3
October	2 336	2 346	4 062	4 225	488.4	88.7	313.5	862.1
November	2 272	2 337	4 109	4 420	535.4	92.9	461.5	1 180.1
December	2 333	2 358	4 274	4 451	530.7	91.9	234.8	840.5
1999								
January	2 237	2 262	4 182	4 286	503.7	92.5	297.4	757.2
February	2 413	2 428	4 052	4 126	508.7	104.8	432.0	996.2
March	2 459	2 476	4 141	4 277	497.8	90.0	395.5	1 013.6
April	2 266	2 275	4 194	4 265	482.8	89.1	207.3	781.6
May	2 582	2 610	4 174	4 252	527.0	108.5	424.4	1 141.4
June	2 452	2 464	4 478	4 548	605.4	91.1	503.7	1 171.2
July	r 2 745	r 2 757	r 4 438	r 4 602	r 608.1	r 104.2	521.2	r 1 258.6
August	2 526	2 528	4 952	5 027	649.0	118.5	507.5	1 271.9

(a) Includes dwelling units approved as part of the construction of non-residential building and alterations and additions to existing buildings (including conversions to dwelling units).

(b) Valued at \$10,000 or more. Includes conversions of existing buildings into residential buildings.

(c) Valued at \$50,000 or more.

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

10 TURNOVER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS(a), NSW AND AUSTRALIA—SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Indicator	Latest period	New South Wales			Australia		
		Latest figure	Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year	Latest figure	Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year
		\$m	%	%	\$m	%	%
Food retailing	Aug 99	1 557.0	1.4	5.8	4 821.8	1.7	5.8
Department stores	Aug 99	370.3	1.6	8.5	1 062.6	-0.6	6.1
Clothing and soft good retailing	Aug 99	303.0	8.8	8.1	807.6	4.8	6.6
Household good retailing	Aug 99	443.5	9.2	10.4	1 371.7	6.5	12.0
Recreational good retailing	Aug 99	207.6	-4.0	11.3	618.6	0.2	6.9
Other retailing	Aug 99	426.2	4.0	9.2	1 251.4	1.7	10.9
Hospitality and services	Aug 99	826.6	-2.3	11.2	1 985.9	-1.9	8.2
Total value of retail sales	Aug 99	4 134.3	1.9	8.4	11 919.8	1.5	7.6

(a) The figures shown are derived from a monthly survey of retail establishments. Excludes motor vehicle, boat and caravan dealers, service stations, smash repairers, tyre and battery retailers, bread and milk vendors, footwear repairers and electrical appliance repairers n.e.c. Retail establishments which do not have employees are excluded from the survey. Turnover includes retail sales, wholesale sales, takings from repairs, meals and hiring of goods; and commissions from agency activity (e.g. commissions received from collecting dry cleaning, selling lottery tickets etc.).

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

11 TURNOVER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS(a), NSW—SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Period	Food retailing	Department stores	Clothing and soft good retailing	Household good retailing	Recreational good retailing	Other retailing	Hospitality and services	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1998								
June	1 498.8	320.9	268.9	395.7	196.3	404.9	736.8	3 822.3
July	1 488.4	374.6	273.3	400.4	194.2	396.5	748.2	3 875.7
August	1 471.0	341.2	280.2	401.9	186.5	390.3	743.5	3 814.6
September	1 495.8	353.8	288.7	389.3	190.6	401.5	755.8	3 875.7
October	1 527.1	348.7	302.1	384.8	196.0	379.7	768.7	3 907.1
November	1 512.0	365.1	289.7	382.5	195.1	381.9	793.8	3 920.0
December	1 503.3	344.4	284.2	371.5	192.8	386.6	769.6	3 852.5
1999								
January	1 548.1	387.7	291.7	408.0	202.3	399.5	840.3	4 077.2
February	1 527.5	355.9	283.2	380.6	196.4	401.0	867.2	4 011.9
March	1 568.7	364.2	287.5	375.8	210.3	390.0	880.6	4 077.0
April	1 518.6	360.1	296.9	389.6	208.5	417.6	876.6	4 068.0
May	1 526.4	353.6	282.2	387.3	198.4	425.8	884.0	4 057.7
June	1 537.4	343.3	285.2	390.3	203.0	409.0	875.1	4 043.3
July	1 535.9	364.3	278.6	395.7	216.3	409.9	845.9	4 046.5
August	1 557.0	370.3	303.0	443.5	207.6	426.2	826.6	4 134.3

(a) The figures shown are derived from a monthly survey of retail establishments. Excludes motor vehicle, boat and caravan dealers, service stations, smash repairers, tyre and battery retailers, bread and milk vendors, footwear repairers and electrical appliance repairers n.e.c. Retail establishments which do not have employees are excluded from the survey. Turnover includes retail sales, wholesale sales, takings from repairs, meals and hiring of goods; and commissions from agency activity (e.g. commissions received from collecting dry cleaning, selling lottery tickets etc.).

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

12 NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS(a), NSW AND AUSTRALIA—SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Indicator	Latest period	New South Wales			Australia		
		Latest figure	Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year	Latest figure	Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year
		no.	%	%	no.	%	%
Passenger vehicles	Aug 99	17 842	-9.0	-6.5	49 293	-4.5	-12.0
Other vehicles (excluding motor cycles)	Aug 99	3 464	-10.8	6.1	11 005	0.4	5.7
Total registrations (excluding motor cycles)	Aug 99	21 306	-9.3	-4.7	60 298	-3.6	-9.3

(a) Includes vehicles (other than those of the defence forces) owned by Government departments and authorities. Excludes mobile plant and equipment, tractors, trailers and non-motorised caravans.

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

13 NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS(a), NSW—SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Period	Passenger vehicles	Other vehicles	Total
	no.	(excluding motor cycles) no.	(excluding motor cycles) no.
1998			
June	21 013	3 245	24 258
July	21 482	3 315	24 796
August	19 089	3 266	22 355
September	20 003	3 214	23 217
October	18 356	3 375	21 731
November	19 815	3 398	23 212
December	19 616	3 501	23 116
1999			
January	18 567	3 610	22 177
February	18 151	3 353	21 504
March	19 978	3 623	23 601
April	19 041	3 369	22 410
May	18 801	3 126	21 927
June	20 137	3 295	23 432
July	19 603	3 883	23 486
August	17 842	3 464	21 306

(a) Includes vehicles (other than those of the defence forces) owned by Government departments and authorities. Excludes mobile plant and equipment, tractors, trailers and non-motorised caravans.

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

14 ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS(a) NSW AND AUSTRALIA—ORIGINAL

Indicator	Unit	Latest period	New South Wales				Australia		
			Latest figure	Change	Change	Latest figure	Change	Change	
				from prior period	from same period prior year		from prior period	from same period prior year	
%	%	%	%	%					
Room nights	'000	Jun qtr 99	3 099.9	-3.5	7.3	9 427.3	-1.7	8.1	
Room occupancy rate	%	Jun qtr 99	57.9	-4.5	2.8	56.2	-3.3	2.9	
Takings	\$'000	Jun qtr 99	332 669	-7.8	5.0	946 366	-5.7	7.4	

(a) Licensed hotels with facilities, motels and guest houses and serviced apartments with 15 or more rooms or units.

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

15 ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS(a), SYDNEY AND NSW—ORIGINAL

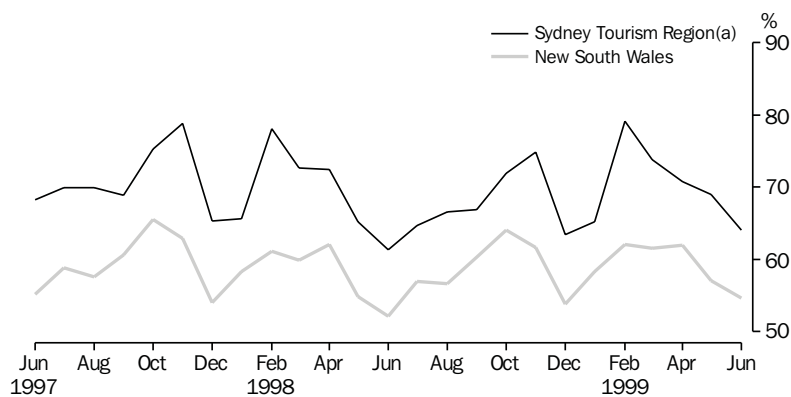
Period	Sydney Tourism Region(b)			New South Wales		
	Room nights	Room occupancy rate	Takings	Room nights	Room occupancy rate	Takings
	'000	%	\$'000	'000	%	\$'000
1998						
March qtr	1 664.9	71.9	235 516	3 017.3	59.8	343 248
June qtr	1 568.3	66.3	216 500	2 890.3	56.3	316 721
September qtr	1 640.0	66.1	222 944	3 077.3	57.9	342 102
December qtr	1 777.0	70.0	246 125	3 210.5	59.8	359 172
1999						
March qtr	1 828.8	72.5	248 997	3 213.2	60.6	360 674
June qtr	1 731.3	68.0	226 273	3 099.9	57.9	332 669

(a) Licensed hotels with facilities, motels and guest houses and serviced apartments with 15 or more rooms or units.

(b) Excludes Gosford, Wyong and Blue Mountains Statistical Local Areas.

Source: Tourist Accommodation, Small Area Data, NSW (Prod. no. 8635.1.40.001).

16 ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS,
MONTHLY ROOM OCCUPANCY RATE—ORIGINAL



(a) Excludes Gosford, Wyong and Blue Mountains Statistical Local Areas.

Source: Tourist Accommodation, Small Area Data, NSW (Prod. no. 8635.1.40.001).

17 CONSUMER AND PRODUCER PRICE INDEXES—NSW AND AUSTRALIA

Indicator	Unit	Latest period	New South Wales(a)			Australia(b)		
			Latest figure	Change from prior period %	Change from same period prior year %	Latest figure	Change from prior period %	Change from same period prior year %
Consumer Price Index (all groups)	1989-90 =100.0	Sep qtr 99	124.1	0.9	1.8	123.4	0.9	1.7
Price index of materials used in house building (all groups)	1989-90 =100.0	Sep qtr 99	123.7	1.6	2.4	120.5	1.1	0.9
Price index of materials used in building other than house building (all groups)	1989-90 =100.0	Sep qtr 99	115.1	-0.3	0.1	115.2	-0.2	0.3

(a) Refers to State capital city—Sydney.

(b) For the Consumer Price Index this is the weighted average of eight capital cities and for the other two indexes, the weighted average of the six State capital cities.

Source: Consumer Price Index, Australia (Cat. no. 6401.0), Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other Than House Building, Six State Capital Cities (Cat. no. 6407.0), Price Index of Materials Used in House Building, Six State Capital Cities (Cat. no. 6408.0).

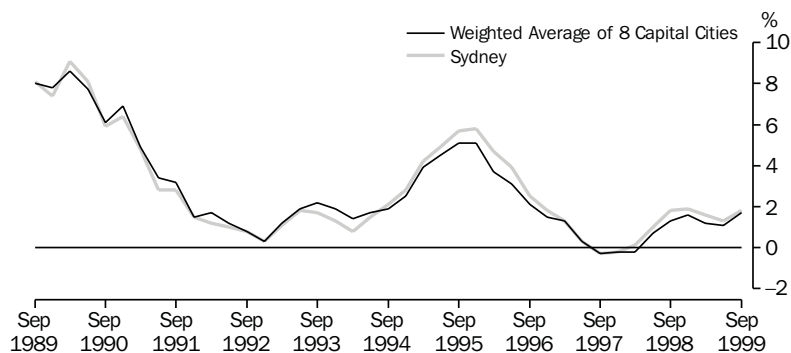
18 CONSUMER AND PRODUCER PRICE INDEXES—NSW(a)

Period	Consumer Price Index, all groups	Price Index of materials used in house building, all groups	Price Index of materials used in building other than house building, all groups
	1989-90 = 100.0	1989-90 = 100.0	1989-90 = 100.0
1998			
June qtr	121.4	120.7	114.8
September qtr	121.9	120.8	115.0
December qtr	122.4	121.8	115.1
1999			
March qtr	122.6	122.0	115.2
June qtr	123.0	121.8	115.4
September qtr	124.1	123.7	115.1

(a) Refers to State capital city—Sydney.

Source: Consumer Price Index, Australia (Cat. no. 6401.0), Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other Than House Building, Six State Capital Cities (Cat. no. 6407.0), Price Index of Materials Used in House Building, Six State Capital Cities (Cat. no. 6408.0).

19 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE



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

20 SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS TO INDIVIDUALS FOR OWNER OCCUPATION—NSW AND AUSTRALIA

Indicator	Latest period	New South Wales			Australia		
		Latest figure	Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year	Latest figure	Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year
Lending commitments for the construction or purchase of dwellings—							
Construction of dwellings	Aug 99	287	5.7	27.8	949	7.2	36.5
Purchase of newly erected dwellings	Aug 99	90	-6.4	-3.5	223	-8.7	-5.4
Purchase of established dwellings(a)	Aug 99	1 806	1.1	54.2	3 963	1.7	43.8
Refinancing of existing dwellings	Aug 99	399	19	29.7	952	9.9	27.1
Lending commitments for alterations and additions	Aug 99	96	3.3	13.7	259	4.7	30
Total lending commitments to individuals for housing(b)	Aug 99	2 581	3.7	43.7	6 087	3.3	37.2
Total lending commitments to individuals for housing (seasonally adjusted)(b)	Aug 99	2 560	9.2	42.5	6 011	6.1	33.7

(a) Excludes refinancing.

(b) Excludes alterations and additions.

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

21 SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS TO INDIVIDUALS FOR OWNER OCCUPATION—NSW

Period	Lending commitments for the construction or purchase of dwellings					Total lending commitments to individuals for housing(b)	
	Construction of dwellings	Purchase of newly erected dwellings	Purchase of established dwellings(a)	Refinancing of existing dwellings	Lending commitments for alterations and additions	Original	Seasonally adjusted
1996-97	2 117	1 234	12 566	4 062	1 221	19 979	..
1997-98	2 625	1 280	14 445	3 573	1 174	21 923	..
1998-99	2 990	1 147	16 761	4 026	1 126	24 925	..
1998							
June	262	116	1 360	359	102	2 097	2 037
July	263	123	1 284	376	97	2 045	1 827
August	224	93	1 171	307	85	1 796	1 796
September	242	105	1 158	326	86	1 831	1 755
October	222	95	1 220	302	85	1 838	1 902
November	229	100	1 357	337	91	2 024	2 004
December	235	96	1 343	295	82	1 970	2 095
1999							
January	176	63	1 025	249	74	1 512	2 094
February	239	75	1 223	312	89	1 849	1 907
March	341	106	1 741	407	126	2 595	2 207
April	242	79	1 600	333	97	2 255	2 293
May	276	96	1 787	364	110	2 524	2 408
June	300	116	1 851	418	105	2 686	2 548
July	r 271	r 96	r 1 786	r 335	93	r 2 489	r 2 345
August	287	90	1 806	399	96	2 581	2 560

(a) Excludes refinancing.

(b) Excludes alterations and additions.

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

22 NSW GOVERNMENT FINANCE, GENERAL GOVERNMENT SECTOR

Item	Actual		Estimates	
	11 months ended		12 months ended	
	31 May 1999	30 June 1999	30 June 1999	30 June 1999
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Current receipts—				
Stamp duties	3 588	3 459		
Payroll tax	3 317	3 621		
Land tax	835	945		
Motor vehicle taxes	947	1 002		
Gaming and betting	1 221	1 440		
Commonwealth safety net taxes	1 801	1 873		
Other taxes	1 112	1 095		
Commonwealth general purpose grants	4 238	4 731		
Commonwealth specific purpose grants	3 118	3 230		
Dividends/tax equivalents	1 126	1 251		
Other current receipts	1 104	1 202		
<i>Total current receipts</i>	<i>22 407</i>	<i>23 849</i>		
Current payments—				
Interest payments	1 060	1 276		
Superannuation	1 344	1 462		
Subsidies to non-budget sector—				
Redundancies	73	77		
Services	845	798		
Departmental payments—				
Redundancies	60	53		
Health	5 298	5 706		
Education	4 902	5 364		
Law and order	1 636	1 733		
Community services	1 126	1 217		
Other	5 257	5 693		
Treasurer's advances	..	125		
Less User charges	-1 865	-2 014		
<i>Total current outlays</i>	<i>19 736</i>	<i>21 490</i>		
Current result surplus/deficit(-)	2 671	2 359		
Capital receipts—				
Commonwealth specific purpose grants	738	788		
Other capital receipts	379	10		
<i>Total capital receipts</i>	<i>1 117</i>	<i>798</i>		
Capital outlays—				
Gross fixed capital payments	2 466	2 841		
Capital grants	973	1 016		
Less Asset sales	-504	-745		
<i>Total capital outlays</i>	<i>2 935</i>	<i>3 112</i>		
Capital result surplus/deficit(-)	-1 818	-2 314		
Government Finance Statistics result surplus/deficit(-)	853	45		

(a) Includes Department of Training and Education Co-ordination, Department of School Education, Office of the Board of Studies and TAFE.

(b) Includes Attorney Generals Department, Department of Corrective Services and Police Services.

(c) Expenditure from the Treasurer's Advance is included in the relevant current payments figures.

Note: Please note that comparative figures for 1997-98 are not available due to changes in coverage of data from General Government Budget to all General Government by the New South Wales Treasury.

Source: Financial Statement released by NSW Treasury. Figures may differ from data published in annual ABS publications.

23 ACTUAL PRIVATE NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, CURRENT PRICES, NSW AND AUSTRALIA—TREND

Indicator	Latest period	New South Wales			Australia		
		Latest figure	Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year	Latest figure	Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year
		\$m	%	%	\$m	%	%
Type of asset—							
New buildings and structures	Jun qtr	933	-8.3	-16.6	2 965	-11.4	-18.3
Equipment, plant and machinery	Jun qtr	2 551	-1.7	-2.3	7 513	-2.8	-8.5
Total	Jun qtr	3 484	-3.5	-6.6	10 478	-5.4	-11.5

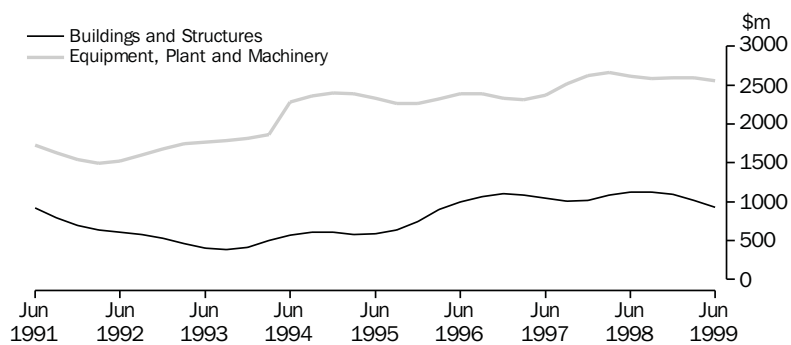
Source: State Estimates of Private New Capital Expenditure (Cat. no. 5646.0).

24 ACTUAL PRIVATE NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, CURRENT PRICES, NSW—TREND

Period	Type of asset			Total
	New buildings and structures	Equipment, plant and machinery		
	\$m	\$m	\$m	
1998				
March qtr	1 081	2 660		3 741
June qtr	1 119	2 610		3 729
September qtr	1 126	2 587		3 713
December qtr	1 092	2 598		3 690
1999				
March qtr	1 017	2 595		3 612
June qtr	933	2 551		3 484

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

25 ACTUAL PRIVATE NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, CURRENT PRICES, NSW—TREND



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

26 INTERNATIONAL TRADE, IMPORTS(a) AND EXPORTS(b)—NSW AND AUSTRALIA

Item	Latest period	New South Wales			Australia		
		Latest figure	Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year	Latest figure	Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year
		\$m	%	%	\$m	%	%
Overseas imports into NSW	Aug 99	3 809	8.8	9.7	8 874	8.5	8.9
Total overseas exports(c)	Aug 99	1 511	0.0	-5.6	6 976	4.9	-5.2
Export commodities and SITC(d) code—							
Meat and meat preparations (01)	Aug 99	82	0.1	19.3	343	-4.0	9.7
Cereals and cereal preparations (04)	Aug 99	106	-1.9	8.4	373	3.6	-24.1
Wool and other animal hair (268)	Aug 99	48	-9.8	12.1	181	6.4	3.7
Coal, coke and briquettes (32)	Aug 99	278	-6.5	-21.9	723	5.3	-14.2
Iron and steel (67)	Aug 99	49	8.7	-47.8	101	16.7	-25.5
Aluminium (684)	Aug 99	93	-9.9	-5.9	315	20.4	9.6
Office machines and automatic data processing machines (75)	Aug 99	37	5.7	16.3	61	5.2	12.2

(a) Figures shown are Customs value.

(b) Figures shown are Free On Board (FOB) values.

(c) Excludes re-exported goods.

(d) Standard International Trade Classification Revision 3.

Source: International Trade database.

27 INTERNATIONAL TRADE, IMPORTS(a) AND EXPORTS(b)—NSW

Period	Overseas exports of SITC(d) commodities								
	Overseas imports into NSW	Total overseas exports(c)	Meat and meat preparations (01)	Cereals and cereal preparations (04)	Wool and other animal hair (268)	Coal, coke and briquettes (32)	Iron and steel (67)	Aluminium (684)	Office machines and automatic data processing machines (75)
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1996-97	34 229	17 730	784	1 540	859	3 426	968	993	535
1997-98	38 481	19 680	923	1 588	1 061	4 048	1 168	1 226	522
1998-99	42 145	r 18 005	948	r 1 196	685	r 3 765	958	r 1 158	360
1998									
June	3 594	1 643	79	86	49	366	118	126	42
July	3 770	1 610	79	101	65	342	112	104	41
August	3 473	r 1 600	69	r 98	43	356	93	99	32
September	3 551	1 635	88	118	60	328	95	111	33
October	3 680	r 1 527	77	59	74	r 354	68	106	28
November	3 746	1 519	85	78	73	332	81	91	26
December	3 466	1 691	84	139	67	363	70	91	24
1999									
January	3 020	1 339	70	101	42	337	68	104	18
February	3 093	r 1 329	79	99	61	272	70	78	25
March	3 761	1 494	91	112	55	305	83	107	29
April	3 386	r 1 295	74	95	r 41	234	56	80	29
May	3 603	r 1 513	75	83	57	283	103	92	42
June	r 3 594	1 453	76	111	46	260	59	r 94	33
July	r 3 499	r 1 511	82	r 108	r 54	r 297	r 45	r 103	r 35
August	3 809	1 511	82	106	48	278	49	93	37

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(c) Excludes re-exported goods.

(d) Standard International Trade Classification Revision 3.

Source: International Trade database.

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