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NOTES

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SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

n.a.	not available
n.y.a.	not yet available
qtr	quarter
*	subject to sampling variability too high for most practical purposes
. .	not applicable
0, 0.0	nil, or rounded to zero

ROUNDING

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

INFORMATION

All data are presented in original terms, unless otherwise stated. More detailed information on each series, including explanatory and technical notes, can be obtained from other Australian Bureau of Statistics publications or alternative data sources. To assist those seeking further information, the series presented in the statistical and state summaries provides a reference to the Publication Source Index which is at the end of this publication.

PRELIMINARY BUILDING ACTIVITY DATA

March quarter data relating to building work done in tables 1 and 13 are taken from the publication *Construction Work Done, Australia, Preliminary* (cat. no. 8755.0) which provides an early indication of trends in building and engineering construction activity. More comprehensive and updated results will be released in *Building Activity, Australia* (cat. no. 8752.0) and in *Engineering Construction Activity, Australia* (cat. no. 8762.0) on 17 July 2003.

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OVERVIEW

The data in this Overview are presented in trend terms, unless otherwise stated.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

The value of South Australian merchandise exports in original terms for the month of April 2003 was \$513.1m. This was a decrease of 26.6% from \$699.4m recorded in March 2003 and a decrease of 32.2% from the April 2002 figure of \$757.0m.

The value of South Australian merchandise imports in original terms for April 2003 was \$451.1m. This was an increase of 17.2% from \$384.8m recorded in March 2003 and an increase of 0.1% from the April 2002 figure of \$450.1m.

CONSUMPTION AND INVESTMENT

In the twelve months to April 2003 retail turnover increased by 6.1% or \$63.7m. Turnover for April was \$1,110.6m, an increase of 0.7% on the previous month.

May 2003 saw a total of 5,148 new motor vehicle sales—an increase of 0.9% on the previous month's figure of 5,100 vehicles, and 17.9% higher than the 4,366 vehicles recorded in May 2002.

Private new capital expenditure in the March quarter 2003 was \$948m, an increase of 17.0% on the March quarter 2002, and an increase of 2.0% on the December 2002 quarter figure.

HOUSING

In April 2003 the total number of dwelling units approved in South Australia was 805, a decrease of 3.2% over the March 2003 figure. This represents a trend decline of 16.7% since the high of 967 approvals in September 2002.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The all groups consumer price index in Adelaide for the March quarter 2003 was 144.6 (original terms), an increase of 5.0 percentage points on the level recorded twelve months previously.

LABOUR FORCE AND DEMOGRAPHY

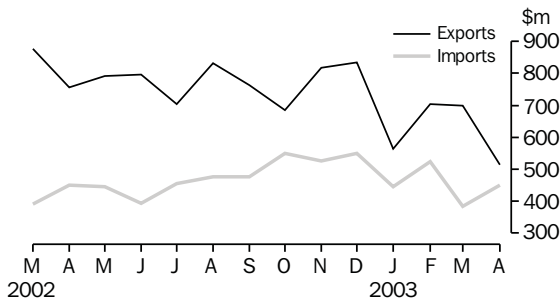
The trend estimate of employed persons in South Australia has risen continuously since April 2001 to 718,800 in May 2003 and was 26,800 persons higher than the level of twelve months ago (692,000). The total number of persons employed full-time in South Australia was 505,600 in May 2003 which was higher than the May 2002 estimate of 472,300. The trend estimate of the unemployment rate is currently flat at 6.1%, but is down from 6.7% in May 2002, while the participation rate at 62.2% is exhibiting an upward trend (60.8% in May 2003).

FINANCIAL MARKETS

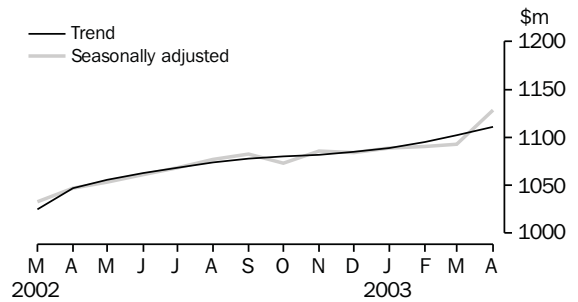
The value of secured housing finance commitments (excluding alterations and additions) was \$580.7m in April 2003, an increase of 3.1% over the previous month, and an increase of 21% over April 2002 (\$479.7m). Both the number and value of commitments are showing an upward trend.

SELECTED FEATURES

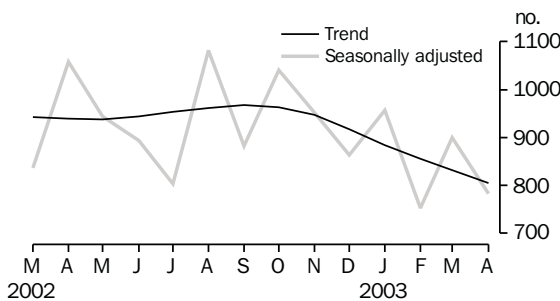
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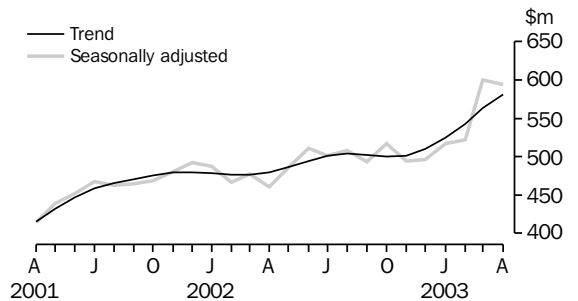
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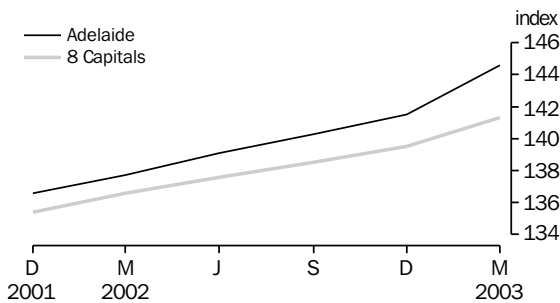


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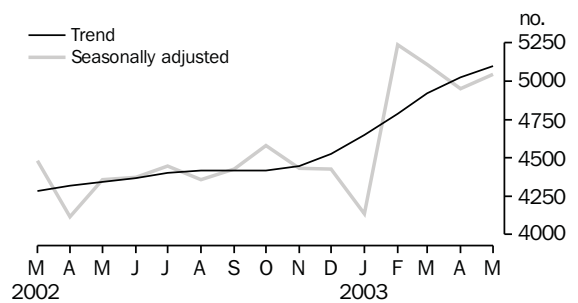


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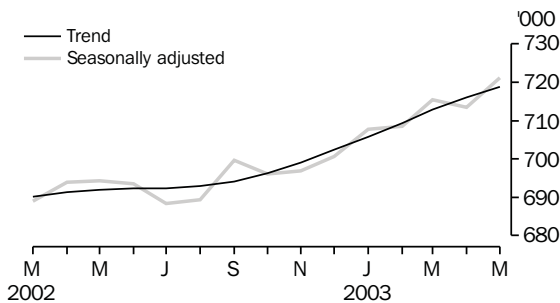
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX



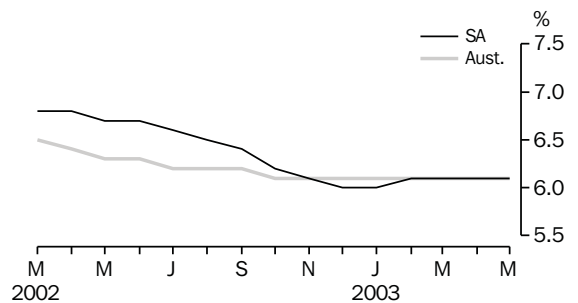
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES



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Indicator	Period	South Australia			Australia			SA as a % of Aust.	Source index
		Number	% change from		Number	% change from			
			Previous period	Same period previous year		Previous period	Same period previous year		
State accounts									
Domestic final demand									
Current prices trend (\$m)	Mar qtr 03	13 933	2.0	9.4	194 110	1.8	8.0	7.2	(1)
Chain volume measures trend (\$m)	Mar qtr 03	13 197	1.0	6.0	185 477	1.1	5.4	7.1	(1)
Private final consumption expenditure									
Current prices trend (\$m)	Mar qtr 03	8 455	1.9	8.3	114 372	1.5	6.3	7.4	(1)
Chain volume measures trend (\$m)	Mar qtr 03	7 949	0.7	4.2	108 552	0.7	3.5	7.3	(1)
Private gross fixed capital formation									
Current prices trend (\$m)	Mar qtr 03	2 493	2.1	18.4	38 925	3.3	17.0	6.4	(1)
Chain volume measures trend (\$m)	Mar qtr 03	2 431	2.0	16.8	37 738	2.7	14.9	6.4	(1)
Compensation of employees									
Current prices trend (\$m)	Mar qtr 03	5 834	1.7	5.7	90 755	1.6	6.6	6.4	(1)
International accounts									
Exports (\$m)	Apr 03	513.1	-26.6	-32.2	8 747.6	-11.1	-10.6	5.9	(2)
Imports (\$m)	Apr 03	451.1	17.2	0.1	10 952.6	2.0	7.9	4.1	(2)
Consumption and investment									
Retail turnover									
Current prices original (\$m)	Apr 03	1 075.3	1.3	8.7	14 172.2	0.1	6.8	7.6	(3)
Current prices trend (\$m)	Apr 03	1 110.6	0.7	6.1	14 719.4	0.5	5.3	7.5	(3)
Chain volume measures original (\$m)	Mar qtr 03	2 944.2	-15.5	3.2	39 600.3	-15.0	3.9	7.4	(3)
New motor vehicle sales									
Original (no.)	May 03	5 273	17.0	20.7	77 349	3.7	10.9	6.8	(4)
Trend (no.)	May 03	5 148	0.9	17.9	76 225	1.6	10.8	6.8	(4)
Private new capital expenditure									
Current prices original (\$m)	Mar qtr 03	907	-21.7	27.0	11 655	-19.0	14.3	7.8	(5)
Current prices trend (\$m)	Mar qtr 03	948	2.0	17.0	12 820	2.6	14.6	7.4	(5)
Private new capital expenditure (\$m)	2001-02	3 113	8.8	..	44 380	4.1	..	7.0	(5)
Tourist accommodation takings (\$m)	Dec qtr 02	64.9	18.3	16.3	1 314.1	6.2	8.6	4.9	(6)
Production									
Dwelling unit approvals									
Original (no.)	Apr 03	683	-35.0	-30.8	12 819	-6.9	-16.7	5.3	(7)
Trend (no.)	Apr 03	805	-3.2	-14.3	12 960	-1.5	-9.7	6.2	(7)
Dwelling units commenced (no.)	Mar qtr 02	2 293	-16.6	-1.8	38 561	-13.3	0.1	5.9	(8)
Value of non-residential building approvals—trend (\$m)									
	Apr 03	59.1	-2.6	-4.8	1268.6	-1.9	14.5	4.7	(7)
Value of total building activity									
Commenced (\$m)	Dec qtr 02	742.7	12.4	32.7	13 089.1	3.9	21.1	5.7	(8)
Work done (\$m)	Mar qtr 03	587.3	-4.3	17.4	11 357.1	-8.1	20.4	5.2	(8)
Work yet to be done (\$m)	Dec qtr 02	993.0	16.4	37.5	19 516.3	8.7	34.2	5.1	(8)
Value of engineering construction work done (\$m)									
	Mar qtr 03	436.9	-14.7	18.1	5 964.6	-6.1	16.5	7.3	(9)
Manufacturing production									
Red meat trend (tonnes)	Mar qtr 03	62 983	0.3	6.8	775 926	-1.9	2.7	8.1	(11)
Mineral exploration expenditure (other than for petroleum) (\$m)									
	Mar qtr 03	6.0	-40.0	-17.8	157.4	-18.4	17.3	3.8	(12)

Indicator	Period	South Australia			Australia			SA as a % of Aust.	Source index
		Number	% change from		Number	% change from			
			Previous period	Same period previous year		Previous period	Same period previous year		
Prices(a)									
CPI—All groups (index no.)	Mar qtr 03	144.6	2.2	5.0	141.3	1.3	3.4	..	(13)
Price index of materials used in house building (index no.)	Mar qtr 03	136.2	0.7	4.0	130.9	0.6	3.8	..	(14)
Price index of materials used in building other than houses (index no.)	Mar qtr 03	123.8	0.4	4.0	124.1	1.1	4.8	..	(14)
Price index of established houses (index no.)	Mar qtr 03	185.0	4.3	20.6	213.1	3.4	18.0	..	(15)
Price index of project homes (index no.)	Mar qtr 03	156.7	0.8	5.0	144.7	1.5	4.5	..	(15)
Labour force and demography									
Population (resident at end qtr) ('000)	Dec qtr 02	1 524.1	0.1	0.6	19 786.6	0.3	1.3	7.7	(16)
Natural increase of the population ('000)	Dec qtr 02	1.5	56.5	19.3	30.6	23.5	7.2	4.9	(16)
Labour force									
Original ('000)	May 03	764.3	0.5	3.3	10 139.5	0.1	2.3	7.5	(17)
Trend ('000)	May 03	765.8	0.4	3.2	10 156.8	-0.1	2.3	7.5	(17)
Employed persons									
Original ('000)	May 03	716.5	0.4	3.9	9 518.6	0.2	2.5	7.5	(17)
Trend ('000)	May 03	718.8	0.4	3.9	9 538.2	0.0	2.6	7.5	(17)
Participation rate									
Original(b) (%)	May 03	62.1	0.2	1.4	63.9	0.0	0.4	..	(17)
Trend(b) (%)	May 03	62.2	0.2	1.4	64.1	-0.1	0.5	..	(17)
Unemployment rate									
Original(b) (%)	May 03	6.3	0.2	-0.5	6.1	-0.1	-0.2	..	(17)
Trend(b) (%)	May 03	6.1	0.0	-0.6	6.1	0.0	-0.2	..	(17)
Job vacancies ('000)	Feb 03	7.1	36.4	1.4	111.3	15.8	21.9	6.4	(18)
Industrial disputes ('000 working days lost)	May 03	1.0	233.3	66.7	32.5	30.0	-27.6	3.1	(19)
Income									
Average weekly earnings (full-time adults; ordinary time)									
Original (\$)	Feb qtr 03	850.9	3.9	6.2	900.4	1.2	4.6	..	(20)
Trend (\$)	Feb qtr 03	841.1	2.3	5.3	899.8	1.2	4.7	..	(20)
Wage cost index (total hourly rate excluding bonuses)(c) (index no.)	Mar qtr 03	119.1	0.5	3.7	119.4	0.9	3.6	..	(21)
Financial markets									
Secured housing finance(d)									
Original (\$m)	April 03	580.2	-6.0	26.7	9 282.7	-1.9	13.3	6.3	(22)
Trend (\$m)	April 03	580.7	3.1	21.1	9 173.3	1.6	13.0	6.3	(22)
Finance commitments									
Personal (\$m)	Apr 03	394.2	-7.0	22.6	5 630.6	-7.4	18.1	7.0	(23)
Commercial (\$m)	Apr 03	810.7	-7.8	15.4	2 079.2	-2.0	13.9	39.0	(23)
Lease (\$m)	Apr 03	13.1	-24.3	-1.7	469.9	-10.5	1.9	2.8	(23)
Interest rates(b)									
Banks new housing loans (%)	May 03	..	..	..	6.6	0.0	0.3	..	(24)
Bank loans—small, medium business(e) (%)	May 03	..	..	..	8.0	0.0	0.3	..	(24)
Bank loans—large business (%)	May 03	..	..	..	8.4	0.0	0.3	..	(24)

(a) Base year of each index 1989-90 = 100.

(b) Change is shown in terms of percentage points.

(c) Base year of index Sep 1997 = 100.

(d) Excludes alterations and additions. Includes refinancing.

(e) Rate for business loans over \$50,000.

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STATE SUMMARY

<i>Indicator</i>	<i>Period</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	SA	<i>WA</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>Source index</i>
SELECTED INDICATORS										
CPI—All groups(a) (index no.)	Mar qtr 03	142.1	140.9	141.8	144.6	137.4	140.0	137.5	140.7	(13)
Participation rate trend (%)	May 03	63.2	63.8	65.1	62.2	66.5	59.0	73.5	71.9	(17)
Unemployment rate trend (%)	May 03	6.0	5.8	6.9	6.1	5.7	8.3	7.3	4.4	(17)
Average weekly earnings (full-time adults; ordinary time) trend (\$)	Feb 03	951.20	900.70	821.30	841.10	890.70	826.40	875.80	1 037.00	(20)
SELECTED INDICATORS PER HEAD OF POPULATION(b)										
State final demand										
Chain volume measures trend (\$'000)	Mar qtr 03	9.5	9.4	8.8	8.7	9.3	7.7	12.3	16.1	(1)
Retail turnover										
Current prices original (\$)	Apr 03	740.0	682.5	719.6	705.5	706.9	629.4	713.9	941.2	(3)
Current prices, trend	Apr 03	768.0	712.3	747.4	728.7	730.9	636.0	760.2	973.8	(3)
New motor vehicle sales trend (no. per '000 population)	May 03	3.8	4.2	4.0	3.4	3.5	2.9	3.6	3.9	(4)
Private new capital expenditure										
Current prices trend (\$)	Mar qtr 03	540.4	681.4	600.2	622.0	903.4	470.1	2 244.5	529.9	(5)
Dwelling unit approvals										
Original (no. per '000 population)	April 03	0.535	0.861	0.642	0.448	0.773	0.365	0.218	0.685	(7)
Trend (no. per '000 population)	April 03	0.542	0.680	0.736	0.528	0.898	0.363	0.274	0.707	(7)
Secured housing finance(c) (\$)	May 03	553.6	413.6	460.2	380.7	483.3	223.9	252.8	499.9	(22)
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS PERIOD										
State final demand										
Chain volume measures trend (%)	Mar qtr 03	1.1	0.7	1.4	1.0	1.1	0.4	-2.2	0.9	(1)
Retail turnover										
Current prices original (%)	Apr 03	0.2	-1.3	1.6	1.3	-0.1	0.6	0.7	-0.9	(3)
Current prices, trend	Apr 03	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.7	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.8	(3)
New motor vehicle sales trend (%)	May 03	1.7	1.2	2.4	0.9	1.6	2.1	1.3	1.0	(4)
Private new capital expenditure										
Current prices trend (%)	Mar qtr 03	2.3	3.0	1.7	2.0	3.2	0.9	-3.1	7.5	(5)
Dwelling unit approvals										
Original (%)	Apr 03	-5.2	25.0	-30.6	-35.0	-8.4	-5.5	-37.7	0.9	(7)
Trend (%)	Apr 03	-3.3	-0.8	-3.8	-3.3	-1.0	3.3	-5.8	8.7	(7)
CPI—All groups (%)	Mar qtr 03	1.2	1.4	1.4	2.2	0.7	1.4	1.0	1.1	(13)
Participation rate trend(d) (%)	May 03	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	-0.1	(17)
Unemployment rate trend(d) (%)	May 03	0.0	0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.2	0.5	0.1	(17)
Average weekly earnings (full-time adults; ordinary time) trend (%)	Feb 03	1.7	0.7	0.4	2.3	0.6	0.9	1.2	2.3	(20)
Secured housing finance (%)	Apr 03	0.6	-2.0	-7.0	-6.0	0.2	-6.5	-6.4	12.1	(22)

(a) Base year of index 1989-90 = 100.

(b) The latest quarterly estimate of Australian resident population has been used to calculate ratios for subsequent periods.

(c) Excludes alterations and additions. Includes refinancing.

(d) Change is shown in terms of percentage points.

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STATE ACCOUNTS AT CURRENT PRICES

Period	<i>Final consumption expenditure</i>		<i>Gross fixed capital formation</i>			State final demand	Gross State product	Compensation of employees
	Households	General government	Private	Public				
ANNUAL (\$m)								
1999-00	26 618	8 789	(a)10 163	(a)-1 445	44 125	41 192	19 965	
2000-01	28 880	9 143	8 522	112	46 658	44 119	20 938	
2001-02	31 067	9 542	8 281	1 476	50 366	47 002	21 901	
QUARTERLY, TREND (\$m)								
2001-02								
December	7 638	2 416	1 973	401	12 427	n.a.	5 435	
March	7 805	2 439	2 106	389	12 739	n.a.	5 520	
June	7 984	2 483	2 239	364	13 069	n.a.	5 577	
2002-03								
September	8 145	2 536	2 351	344	13 374	n.a.	5 644	
December	8 298	2 594	2 442	333	13 665	n.a.	5 736	
March	8 455	2 635	2 493	327	13 933	n.a.	5 834	

(a) The negative figure for Public gross fixed capital formation and the larger than usual positive figure for Private gross fixed capital formation are the result of the sale of the South Australian electrical transmission network in December quarter 1999. For more information see *National Income, Expenditure and Product, Australian National Accounts, June 2000* (cat. no. 5206.0).

Source: *Australian National Accounts: National Income, Expenditure and Product* (cat. no. 5206.0), and *Australian National Accounts: State Accounts* (cat. no. 5220.0).

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STATE ACCOUNTS AT CHAIN VOLUME MEASURES(a)

Period	<i>Final consumption expenditure</i>		<i>Gross fixed capital formation</i>			State final demand	Gross State product
	Households	General government	Private	Public			
ANNUAL (\$m)							
1999-00	27 835	9 000	(b)10 516	(b)-2 384	45 859	42 727	
2000-01	28 880	9 143	8 522	-732	46 658	44 119	
2001-02	30 470	9 352	8 180	521	49 463	45 765	
QUARTERLY, TREND (\$m)							
2001-02							
December	7 503	2 336	1 956	397	12 193	n.a.	
March	7 629	2 358	2 082	385	12 453	n.a.	
June	7 750	2 390	2 199	361	12 700	n.a.	
2002-03							
September	7 833	2 430	2 299	342	12 903	n.a.	
December	7 891	2 466	2 383	331	13 070	n.a.	
March	7 949	2 489	2 431	326	13 197	n.a.	

(a) Reference year for chain volume measures is 2000-2001.

(b) The negative figure for Public gross fixed capital formation and the larger than usual positive figure for Private gross fixed capital formation are the result of the sale of the South Australian electrical transmission network in December quarter 1999. For more information see *National Income, Expenditure and Product, Australian National Accounts, June 2000* (cat. no. 5206.0).

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MERCHANDISE EXPORTS, BY SELECTED COMMODITY GROUP(a)

Period	Meat and meat preparations	Wheat	Wine	Wool and sheepskins (excl. wool tops)	Machinery	Metals and metal manufactures	Fish and crustaceans	Road vehicles, parts and accessories	Petroleum and petroleum products	Total(b)
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
1999-00	160 483	473 086	899 348	179 716	353 205	805 744	394 375	883 792	218 466	6 188 231
2000-01	262 565	767 524	1 081 599	236 034	381 785	1 019 926	451 841	1 399 489	355 781	8 286 782
2001-02	316 263	1 154 933	1 358 316	256 722	321 445	913 417	474 854	1 613 919	250 728	9 103 263
2001-02										
October	29 804	74 206	134 368	23 871	24 161	80 651	16 992	217 406	17 879	839 374
November	30 056	95 995	81 272	24 908	21 862	89 069	23 757	135 759	30 543	716 786
December	32 136	93 070	105 237	17 789	23 070	62 905	31 363	207 778	20 094	820 447
January	22 604	136 558	61 255	15 357	19 868	63 089	35 902	25 652	16 755	561 836
February	31 183	86 109	83 914	23 524	25 522	82 009	26 187	122 727	2 328	745 077
March	34 065	119 775	127 140	32 960	35 610	88 158	22 365	170 972	44 358	876 068
April	24 011	102 777	122 653	22 942	32 351	74 900	25 363	134 415	8 900	756 976
May	26 189	114 535	146 020	34 208	33 412	85 067	22 517	84 964	32 896	790 765
June	24 324	91 704	148 574	18 967	27 472	58 902	36 472	183 302	16 920	795 950
2002-03										
July	17 509	25 309	115 141	20 534	27 470	67 414	90 175	110 752	27 041	704 054
August	16 462	87 890	121 771	14 491	24 896	65 047	138 036	134 638	25 870	831 220
September	27 759	60 374	168 513	20 766	31 641	71 967	38 038	82 804	23 846	763 577
October	29 930	50 488	141 821	29 122	24 139	81 376	19 854	115 691	25 432	685 880
November	35 110	65 111	96 880	30 990	26 285	74 824	24 647	276 999	19 613	818 622
December	32 982	54 121	129 290	30 579	28 324	90 891	26 171	207 525	30 625	834 035
January	24 449	58 429	81 460	18 060	17 330	69 619	29 408	31 453	46 499	565 091
February	31 541	122 226	99 308	17 604	27 162	74 003	15 364	127 472	33 877	703 645
March	33 919	94 369	123 545	23 145	35 915	76 478	18 597	99 633	18 819	699 417
April	22 979	19 832	125 115	21 482	30 855	62 509	16 280	56 955	6 219	513 103

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(b) Includes other commodity groups not listed.

Source: ABS data available on request.

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MERCHANDISE EXPORTS, BY SELECTED COUNTRIES AND COUNTRY GROUPS(a)

Period	European Union					South-East and North-East Asia				
	United States of America	Middle East	United Kingdom	Total European Union	New Zealand	Japan	China	Hong Kong	ASEAN(b)	Total
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
1999-00	954 681	724 871	625 154	1 073 928	446 026	787 295	315 199	255 679	495 407	2 297 913
2000-01	1 354 759	1 335 811	713 525	1 232 563	480 887	963 481	437 939	298 939	683 694	2 882 839
2001-02	1 597 719	1 825 194	784 284	1 337 855	568 712	937 578	406 163	240 066	597 414	2 594 269
2001-02										
November	142 528	120 739	46 215	92 135	50 254	85 470	44 104	25 897	48 064	242 844
December	187 722	172 462	54 885	108 541	52 684	71 934	35 887	24 400	41 258	200 880
January	44 318	156 335	34 647	75 972	21 104	39 434	17 643	31 673	54 174	169 495
February	96 390	159 853	48 505	93 817	39 929	61 201	20 759	25 147	54 562	191 254
March	151 253	187 747	70 929	134 750	54 261	59 059	63 357	27 514	53 655	245 651
April	131 376	191 395	64 676	96 837	61 889	74 655	33 973	12 231	41 571	196 230
May	129 531	133 050	79 270	116 645	36 358	53 042	37 268	19 133	51 573	205 755
June	179 897	149 770	78 219	124 464	44 543	84 535	27 599	14 205	53 962	208 237
2002-03										
July	74 918	102 167	69 831	116 422	55 005	129 520	24 783	7 936	52 596	270 954
August	149 657	99 934	69 969	115 131	64 639	189 807	29 888	15 393	47 653	311 563
September	95 913	126 778	107 251	170 585	46 478	91 725	35 019	7 956	53 856	236 810
October	124 514	107 491	77 700	115 453	51 528	64 473	34 478	13 004	63 230	217 091
November	240 775	175 617	37 953	74 736	55 019	35 195	53 271	30 257	52 332	210 840
December	165 114	103 930	71 837	122 023	81 860	54 844	39 875	22 573	87 657	262 005
January	61 770	83 362	46 480	83 421	23 593	86 232	39 448	50 976	46 088	253 258
February	104 571	165 742	60 920	106 264	53 650	50 320	47 077	17 404	62 024	197 023
March	117 946	104 982	63 814	130 097	50 700	60 298	22 270	25 249	63 329	193 225
April	83 908	39 999	66 694	114 507	47 257	36 629	45 828	9 680	51 761	169 370

(a) See *International Merchandise Trade, Australia* (cat. no. 5422.0) for country group definitions.

(b) Figures from September 2001 have been updated to include Cambodia in the ASEAN country grouping.

Source: ABS data available on request.

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MERCHANDISE IMPORTS, BY SELECTED COMMODITY GROUP(a)

<i>Period</i>	<i>Food, beverages and tobacco</i>	<i>Petroleum and petroleum products</i>	<i>Chemicals</i>	<i>Textiles</i>	<i>Metals and metal manufactures</i>	<i>Machinery</i>	<i>Road vehicle parts and accessories</i>	<i>Other manufactured goods</i>	<i>Total(b)</i>
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
1999-00	163 509	515 641	263 959	97 100	262 737	1 164 672	834 842	845 913	4 319 348
2000-01	183 196	968 428	284 227	97 281	315 327	1 205 016	854 759	926 817	5 044 553
2001-02	205 295	869 161	266 527	106 543	332 538	1 399 576	887 698	1 058 212	5 346 782
2001-02									
October	23 648	63 528	19 978	9 154	33 610	159 511	82 343	91 382	496 998
November	25 109	13 766	21 446	10 959	25 354	130 063	66 386	95 258	406 947
December	17 232	78 949	18 247	6 218	23 108	99 669	52 322	70 152	379 968
January	16 611	1 347	26 023	9 135	33 252	136 134	63 910	94 197	406 187
February	16 447	127 019	19 898	8 556	24 823	109 118	73 577	91 103	490 816
March	12 504	39 514	35 457	8 338	26 536	94 835	72 474	79 012	389 943
April	11 993	78 266	24 836	9 947	27 980	113 247	81 305	79 415	450 747
May	14 585	62 102	27 331	9 842	27 092	117 219	80 639	86 692	445 885
June	15 103	64 704	14 566	8 448	26 002	96 307	73 499	77 657	393 051
2002-03									
July	17 666	66 712	18 971	7 211	33 106	111 832	88 041	91 501	454 751
August	20 355	63 951	19 172	11 171	35 439	121 990	83 005	97 867	476 144
September	19 907	79 309	20 554	8 920	32 522	123 896	77 186	92 519	474 629
October	27 427	75 644	20 997	11 574	36 988	138 644	102 861	111 149	549 856
November	25 409	99 478	18 143	8 474	32 307	130 007	86 247	99 152	525 531
December	23 239	138 539	18 904	7 312	29 504	161 897	58 838	92 037	551 358
January	20 923	10 582	27 349	7 314	38 069	134 883	83 157	100 547	446 393
February	18 018	143 614	37 925	6 713	29 327	91 890	77 437	92 896	523 827
March	19 165	21	37 791	8 263	31 231	95 223	82 849	86 722	384 761
April	19 509	69 594	27 310	8 053	29 860	114 525	82 447	77 485	451 094

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(b) Includes other commodity groups not listed.

Source: ABS data available on request.

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TURNOVER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS, BY INDUSTRY—TREND

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
2001-02								
February	430.4	99.3	52.2	133.4	28.9	112.8	167.7	1 025.0
March	433.1	99.3	53.0	136.6	28.7	114.4	171.0	1 036.8
April	436.5	99.4	53.5	138.6	28.3	116.5	173.6	1 047.2
May	440.2	99.4	53.8	139.0	28.3	118.5	175.9	1 055.7
June	443.9	99.6	54.1	137.9	28.7	120.1	178.1	1 062.6
2002-03								
July	447.1	99.9	54.6	136.4	29.5	121.2	180.2	1 068.6
August	449.6	100.6	55.5	135.2	30.5	121.3	181.7	1 073.7
September	451.3	101.6	56.7	134.6	31.5	120.5	182.2	1 077.7
October	452.1	102.7	58.2	134.4	32.4	119.1	181.8	1 080.0
November	452.4	103.7	59.6	134.7	32.9	117.5	181.2	1 081.8
December	453.1	104.5	60.9	135.0	33.5	116.3	181.2	1 084.6
January	454.9	105.2	61.9	135.0	34.2	115.8	182.2	1 089.1
February	457.2	105.8	62.6	134.7	35.0	116.1	183.9	1 095.3
March	459.8	106.3	63.1	134.6	35.8	116.8	185.5	1 102.3
April	462.6	106.7	63.4	134.7	36.5	117.7	187.3	1 110.6

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

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NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES, BY TYPE OF VEHICLE

Period	Original			Seasonally adjusted			Trend estimate		
	Passenger vehicles	Other vehicles	Total	Passenger vehicles	Other vehicles	Total	Passenger vehicles	Other vehicles	Total
2001-02									
March	2 889	1 335	4 224	2 866	1 252	4 118	2 932	1 384	4 316
April	2 727	1 258	3 985	2 954	1 405	4 359	2 936	1 406	4 342
May	2 945	1 703	4 648	2 859	1 511	4 370	2 947	1 419	4 366
June	3 342	1 801	5 143	3 028	1 420	4 448	2 968	1 433	4 401
2002-03									
July	3 049	1 408	4 457	2 941	1 419	4 360	2 982	1 437	4 419
August	3 108	1 429	4 537	3 010	1 417	4 427	2 985	1 433	4 418
September	2 936	1 251	4 187	3 121	1 460	4 581	2 984	1 433	4 417
October	3 109	1 390	4 499	2 989	1 445	4 434	3 000	1 444	4 444
November	3 134	1 507	4 641	2 925	1 501	4 426	3 050	1 474	4 524
December	3 062	1 469	4 531	2 862	1 276	4 138	3 133	1 514	4 647
January	2 653	1 335	3 988	3 467	1 769	5 236	3 237	1 551	4 788
February	3 290	1 464	4 754	3 476	1 634	5 110	3 340	1 581	4 921
March	3 562	1 585	5 147	3 440	1 512	4 952	3 425	1 601	5 026
April	3 018	1 489	4 507	3 384	1 660	5 044	3 489	1 611	5 100
May	3 581	1 692	5 273	3 506	1 552	5 058	3 534	1 614	5 148

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

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ACTUAL PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, BY SELECTED INDUSTRY AND TYPE OF ASSET

Period	Industry			Total	Type of asset	
	Mining	Manufacturing	Other selected industries		New buildings and structures	Equipment, plant and machinery
ANNUAL (\$m)						
1999-00	251	899	1 431	2 580	640	1 939
2000-01	434	891	1 537	2 862	692	2 170
2001-02	355	927	1 831	3 113	617	2 496
QUARTERLY, ORIGINAL (\$m)						
2001-02						
December	97	267	527	891	186	705
March	78	198	439	714	136	578
June	101	256	539	897	159	738
2002-03						
September	117	237	466	821	159	662
December	173	306	684	1 162	216	943
March	148	299	461	907	164	743
QUARTERLY, TREND (\$m)						
2001-02						
December	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	733	151	582
March	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	810	160	650
June	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	867	163	704
2002-03						
September	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	902	169	733
December	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	929	178	751
March	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	948	189	759

Source: Private New Capital Expenditure, Australia (cat. no. 5625.0) and ABS data available on request.

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TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

Period	Licensed hotels with facilities				Motels and guesthouses				Serviced apartments			
	Estab-lish-ments	Guest rooms	Room occu-pancy	Takings	Estab-lish-ments	Guest rooms	Room occu-pancy	Takings	Estab-lish-ments	Guest rooms	Room occu-pancy	Takings
	no.	no.	%	\$'000	no.	no.	%	\$'000	no.	no.	%	\$'000
2000-01												
December	62	4 128	58.2	26 070	146	5 204	54.4	21 557	26	1 220	62.4	7 232
March	62	3 905	59.9	25 686	146	5 217	55.2	21 889	27	1 280	67.1	7 955
June	61	4 066	55.9	23 849	146	5 230	50.5	20 289	27	1 300	63.2	7 959
2001-02												
September	61	4 078	56.3	23 498	146	5 231	49.7	19 926	27	1 293	60.1	7 019
December	61	4 083	61.0	26 556	144	5 170	51.9	21 044	27	1 283	67.0	8 218
March	62	4 091	61.6	27 321	145	5 196	55.6	22 468	27	1 293	70.5	8 454
June	62	4 364	55.4	24 362	145	5 234	50.4	20 482	29	1 357	65.6	8 078
2002-03												
September	63	4 381	57.9	26 109	144	5 220	49.4	20 150	30	1 430	65.8	8 595
December	62	4 362	64.8	31 051	145	5 232	55.6	23 424	31	1 435	70.3	10 424

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

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BUILDING APPROVALS

Period	Houses		Total dwelling units		New residential building \$m	Alterations and additions to residential building \$m	Total residential building \$m	Non-residential building \$m	Total building \$m
	Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total					
	no.	no.	no.	no.					
ANNUAL									
1999-00	8 290	8 392	9 915	10 024	1 022.9	188.9	1 211.8	585.7	1 797.5
2000-01	5 555	5 644	6 659	6 775	735.6	157.3	892.9	718.2	1 611.1
2001-02	8 858	9 177	10 544	10 903	1 202.3	191.6	1 393.9	804.8	2 198.7
MONTHLY, ORIGINAL									
2001-02									
January	667	688	741	764	86.7	13.2	99.8	94.0	193.9
February	769	839	898	971	104.8	17.7	122.6	59.6	182.2
March	756	774	886	904	97.0	14.3	111.3	74.9	186.2
April	701	714	970	987	111.3	16.2	127.5	55.8	183.3
May	795	823	953	981	119.3	16.5	135.9	55.5	191.4
June	716	742	798	826	96.2	17.6	113.9	68.3	182.1
2002-03									
July	795	843	877	935	113.7	20.1	133.8	53.3	187.2
August	807	838	1 037	1 072	110.2	22.0	132.2	121.0	253.2
September	762	795	825	860	99.7	20.3	120.0	75.1	195.1
October	729	767	1 083	1 125	198.0	20.5	218.5	56.1	274.6
November	720	757	881	930	116.8	20.1	136.9	162.8	299.8
December	570	614	822	882	111.7	19.5	131.2	64.6	195.8
January	493	514	756	783	93.7	16.7	110.3	39.8	150.2
February	633	651	715	745	96.4	20.3	116.6	62.8	179.4
March	667	678	1 040	1 051	120.8	49.8	170.6	48.4	218.9
April	574	597	660	683	85.0	20.0	105.0	90.9	195.9
MONTHLY, TREND									
2001-02									
January	763	802	926	967	108.9	15.8	124.7	73.3	198.0
February	755	791	926	963	110.8	15.9	126.7	69.8	196.4
March	744	776	917	950	111.2	16.0	127.2	65.2	192.4
April	737	765	898	928	107.6	16.4	124.0	62.1	186.1
May	738	765	880	910	103.4	17.1	120.5	60.4	180.9
June	747	776	874	906	102.5	17.9	120.4	61.9	182.3
2002-03									
July	758	790	917	953	106.6	18.7	125.3	68.5	193.8
August	760	796	921	962	114.8	19.4	134.2	78.4	212.6
September	747	785	923	967	124.1	19.4	143.4	87.3	230.7
October	720	758	917	963	130.9	19.4	150.3	91.4	241.7
November	686	721	903	947	132.3	20.1	152.3	88.8	241.2
December	653	684	876	917	126.8	21.6	148.5	81.6	230.1
January	628	655	848	884	117.7	23.9	141.6	72.7	214.3
February	612	635	826	856	109.1	26.4	135.5	65.2	200.8
March	602	621	808	832	102.5	28.7	131.3	60.7	192.0
April	596	611	787	805	93.7	30.7	124.3	59.1	183.5

Source: Building Approvals, Australia (cat. no. 8731.0) and ABS data available on request.

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BUILDING COMMENCEMENTS

Period	New houses		Total dwelling units(a)		New residential building \$m	Alterations and additions to residential building \$m	Non-residential building		
	Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total			Private sector	Total	Total building
	no.	no.	no.	no.			\$m	\$m	\$m
1999-00	7 729	7 856	9 266	9 410	1 044.8	198.8	351.2	576.9	1 820.5
2000-01	5 303	5 390	6 442	6 556	779.2	161.4	390.4	729.6	1 670.1
2001-02	8 030	8 281	9 702	9 991	1 236.2	197.3	575.0	761.9	2 195.5
2000-01									
March	1 157	1 179	1 562	1 597	186.5	43.6	70.9	111.2	341.2
June	1 422	1 443	1 605	1 628	196.0	47.9	91.9	300.7	544.6
2001-02									
September	1 835	1 857	2 365	2 400	324.0	45.1	145.3	188.7	557.9
December	2 217	2 273	2 543	2 613	307.8	52.7	167.2	199.4	559.9
March	1 853	1 949	2 232	2 335	280.0	50.5	122.6	173.7	504.1
June	2 125	2 202	2 563	2 644	324.4	49.0	139.9	200.1	573.6
2002-03									
September	2 300	2 401	2 617	2 730	355.6	55.9	177.7	249.0	660.5
December	1 886	1 993	2 626	2 749	402.5	73.3	145.3	266.9	742.7
March	1 821	1 909	2 177	2 293	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) Includes conversions.

Source: *Building Activity, Australia* (cat. no. 8752.0).

VALUE OF BUILDING WORK DONE AND COMPLETED DURING PERIOD

Period	New houses		New residential building			Non-residential building		Total building		
	Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total	Alterations and additions to residential building	Total residential building	Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
VALUE OF BUILDING WORK DONE										
1999-00	798.1	812.2	984.5	1 000.0	195.5	1 195.4	409.9	629.4	1 585.1	1 824.8
2000-01	679.7	686.9	835.5	845.0	161.9	1 006.9	395.0	624.0	1 385.4	1 630.9
2001-02	852.9	871.7	1 043.3	1 065.3	193.9	1 259.2	522.1	778.2	1 754.6	2 037.4
2000-01										
December	179.6	180.9	216.0	218.3	42.1	260.4	116.6	176.1	372.9	436.5
March	162.6	164.0	193.9	195.7	40.7	236.4	97.2	145.7	330.1	382.1
June	161.6	163.8	197.3	200.3	48.2	248.6	97.2	163.9	340.6	412.5
2001-02										
September	184.2	187.2	227.7	231.2	48.7	279.9	112.7	170.6	386.9	450.6
December	219.4	222.6	261.9	265.5	48.4	314.0	146.9	213.8	456.3	527.7
March	215.1	220.0	262.5	268.6	46.9	315.5	131.3	185.0	439.7	500.4
June	234.2	242.0	291.2	300.0	49.8	349.8	131.3	208.9	471.7	558.7
2002-03										
September	259.7	269.0	318.5	328.6	56.4	385.0	163.1	224.6	537.4	609.6
December	259.0	267.4	323.8	333.3	68.2	401.6	153.0	212.3	544.5	613.9
VALUE OF BUILDING WORK COMPLETED										
1999-00	713.5	730.1	867.6	886.2	191.9	1 078.1	363.0	538.4	1 419.4	1 616.4
2000-01	758.7	763.6	942.8	949.0	154.4	1 103.4	436.3	591.5	1 526.5	1 694.9
2001-02	750.8	766.9	884.9	904.3	180.6	1 084.9	430.7	718.7	1 489.7	1 803.5
2000-01										
December	222.2	224.8	313.7	317.3	35.8	353.1	82.8	107.7	430.8	460.8
March	173.0	174.3	216.5	217.9	34.9	252.8	82.4	138.5	330.9	391.3
June	188.0	188.3	213.7	213.9	52.2	266.1	137.9	164.9	402.4	431.0
2001-02										
September	149.9	153.2	173.1	177.6	55.0	232.6	75.5	121.1	300.5	353.7
December	194.3	197.6	220.5	224.4	38.1	262.5	129.3	259.9	386.3	522.4
March	174.8	177.2	231.9	234.8	39.4	274.2	83.8	127.4	353.7	401.6
June	231.7	238.9	259.4	267.4	48.1	315.6	142.1	210.3	449.2	525.9
2002-03										
September	209.1	219.4	240.1	252.2	45.5	297.7	111.7	164.9	396.6	462.6
December	242.1	247.2	356.7	362.6	61.9	424.5	129.2	159.8	547.4	584.3

Source: Building Activity, Australia (cat. no. 8752.0).

<i>Period</i>	<i>Pigmeat</i> <i>tonnes</i>	<i>Beef</i> <i>tonnes</i>	<i>Mutton</i> <i>tonnes</i>	<i>Lamb</i> <i>tonnes</i>	<i>Sawn timber</i> <i>m³</i>
1999-00	31 927	78 001	28 969	56 667	425 549
2000-01	36 679	82 533	36 103	61 893	389 417
2001-02	48 329	85 882	30 342	64 285	434 577
2000-01					
March	9 785	23 367	9 885	14 968	75 558
June	10 524	19 172	8 321	15 451	97 933
2001-02					
September	10 274	18 271	6 290	11 694	103 774
December	9 754	21 325	8 221	17 627	111 797
March	12 583	23 748	8 895	17 232	111 697
June	15 718	22 539	6 936	17 732	107 309
2002-03					
September	15 531	19 663	9 351	11 493	111 724
December	14 865	23 357	10 073	14 864	110 734
March	16 805	23 930	7 521	17 947	107 267

Source: *Livestock Products, Australia (cat. no. 7215.0)* and ABS data available on request.

<i>Period</i>	<i>Food</i>	<i>Alcohol and tobacco</i>	<i>Clothing and footwear</i>	<i>Housing</i>	<i>House furnishings, supplies and services</i>	<i>Health</i>	<i>Transportation</i>	<i>Communication</i>	<i>Recreation</i>	<i>Education</i>	<i>Miscellaneous</i>	<i>All groups</i>
ANNUAL AVERAGE (1989-90 = 100.0)												
1999-00	130.8	179.1	103.3	97.0	112.9	165.7	129.4	97.7	119.1	215.8	148.8	126.3
2000-01	136.7	198.3	111.9	104.3	117.1	169.5	138.0	104.7	122.9	225.9	159.3	133.5
2001-02	143.1	207.3	111.1	108.2	120.6	173.0	135.8	105.8	126.9	235.8	165.1	137.2
QUARTERLY (1989-90 = 100.0)												
2001-02												
December	143.8	205.5	112.2	107.9	120.9	169.3	134.4	106.0	125.6	231.1	163.8	136.6
March	144.6	207.8	110.6	108.6	120.0	173.7	133.9	106.2	129.0	240.6	166.0	137.7
June	143.6	210.0	113.0	109.5	120.9	178.0	138.4	107.3	129.9	240.6	167.0	139.1
2002-03												
September	145.4	210.4	111.5	112.1	121.4	178.1	138.0	109.2	131.5	240.7	171.2	140.3
December	148.1	213.3	112.2	113.0	123.2	178.1	138.8	109.6	131.5	240.7	170.9	141.5
March	151.9	216.0	111.9	117.9	122.5	183.2	144.0	109.9	132.4	251.5	171.6	144.6
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM SAME QUARTER OF PREVIOUS YEAR												
2001-02												
December	7.2	4.8	0.9	3.8	4.4	1.0	-2.3	1.0	1.8	4.6	3.5	3.1
March	3.7	3.6	0.1	4.0	2.2	1.8	-2.3	1.8	4.9	4.2	3.8	2.7
June	3.0	3.3	0.6	4.4	1.3	3.9	-1.4	3.3	6.0	4.2	3.6	3.0
2002-03												
September	3.5	2.2	2.9	5.0	0.7	4.2	1.2	5.4	6.8	4.2	4.7	3.7
December	3.0	3.8	0.0	4.7	1.9	5.2	3.3	3.4	4.7	4.2	4.3	3.6
March	5.0	3.9	1.2	8.6	2.1	5.5	7.5	3.5	2.6	4.5	3.4	5.0
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER												
2001-02												
December	2.3	-0.2	3.5	1.0	0.2	-0.9	-1.5	2.3	2.0	0.0	0.2	1.0
March	0.6	1.1	-1.4	0.6	-0.7	2.6	-0.4	0.2	2.7	4.1	1.3	0.8
June	-0.7	1.1	2.2	0.8	0.8	2.5	3.4	1.0	0.7	0.0	0.6	1.0
2002-03												
September	1.3	0.2	-1.3	2.4	0.4	0.1	-0.3	1.8	1.2	0.0	2.5	0.9
December	1.9	1.4	0.6	0.8	1.5	0.0	0.6	0.4	0.0	0.0	-0.2	0.9
March	2.6	1.3	-0.3	4.3	-0.6	2.9	3.7	0.3	0.7	4.5	0.4	2.2

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

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ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION AND COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE(a)

Period	Net migration			Total increase	Population at end of period
	Natural increase	Interstate	Overseas(b)		
1999-00	6 306	-3 531	3 829	7 219	1 505 038
2000-01	5 495	-2 418	2 765	6 690	1 511 728
2001-02	5 887	-1 854	4 481	8 514	1 520 242
2000-01					
December	1 385	-789	566	1 374	1 508 028
March	1 691	-821	1 276	2 358	1 510 386
June	1 272	-190	46	1 342	1 511 728
2001-02					
September	1 244	-632	1 130	1 742	1 513 470
December	1 264	-171	1 185	2 278	1 515 748
March	1 737	-529	1 665	2 873	1 518 621
June	1 642	-522	501	1 621	1 520 242
2002-03					
September	948	-17	1 283	2 214	1 522 456
December	1 484	-741	937	1 680	1 524 136

(a) Differences between the sum of the components and the total of population growth are attributed to intercensal discrepancy.

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

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BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES

Period	Registrations			
	Births	Deaths	Marriages	Divorces
1999-00	17 896	11 590	8 428	4 197
2000-01	17 414	11 919	7 689	4 072
2001-02	17 481	11 594	7 474	4 448
2000-01				
September	4 441	3 294	1 092	1 056
December	4 274	2 889	2 703	1 031
March	4 402	2 711	2 175	824
June	4 297	3 025	1 719	1 161
2001-02				
September	4 398	3 154	1 096	1 387
December	4 109	2 845	2 444	1 173
March	4 564	2 827	2 135	930
June	4 410	2 768	1 799	958
2002-03				
September	4 355	3 407	1 019	1 062
December	4 327	2 843	2 419	n.v.a.

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

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CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE STATUS(a)

Period	Employed full-time		Employed part-time		Total employed		Unemployed		Labour force	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
ANNUAL AVERAGE ('000)										
1999-00	322.1	152.5	56.1	142.4	378.2	294.9	34.6	23.9	412.8	318.7
2000-01	322.6	156.7	54.8	143.5	377.4	300.2	32.6	20.2	410.0	320.4
2001-02	319.2	153.2	59.2	153.1	378.4	306.3	31.8	20.0	410.2	326.2
MONTHLY, ORIGINAL ('000)										
2001-02										
March	320.4	147.7	64.0	157.6	384.4	305.3	28.7	21.3	413.1	326.6
April	319.4	147.9	63.5	163.7	382.9	311.6	30.1	18.5	413.0	330.1
May	321.0	152.4	59.8	156.5	380.8	308.9	31.2	19.3	412.0	328.2
June	318.3	147.0	61.9	164.7	380.2	311.7	29.9	19.5	410.1	331.2
2002-03										
July	325.3	149.7	56.8	155.6	382.1	305.3	26.0	18.5	408.1	323.8
August	324.8	150.6	54.8	155.7	379.6	306.3	28.8	20.1	408.4	326.4
September	327.8	154.8	63.3	158.7	391.1	313.5	26.9	21.2	418.0	334.7
October	322.4	155.4	62.2	157.5	384.6	312.9	26.2	18.9	410.8	331.8
November	327.1	154.1	57.2	160.1	384.3	314.2	26.7	17.0	410.9	331.2
December	337.6	162.7	56.3	154.4	393.9	317.1	24.3	17.6	418.2	334.6
January	336.0	163.1	51.0	149.4	387.0	312.5	30.5	18.8	417.5	331.4
February	338.4	168.6	50.6	150.0	389.0	318.6	31.5	19.9	420.5	338.5
March	331.8	166.1	59.8	158.4	391.6	324.5	26.7	20.0	418.3	344.4
April	333.2	163.6	58.7	158.6	391.9	322.2	28.8	17.9	420.6	340.0
May	336.7	165.1	56.4	158.2	393.2	323.3	29.1	18.7	422.3	342.0
MONTHLY, TREND ('000)										
2001-02										
March	320.4	151.1	61.6	157.0	382.0	308.1	30.8	19.9	412.8	327.9
April	321.0	150.6	61.2	158.5	382.2	309.1	30.6	19.6	412.8	328.7
May	321.8	150.5	60.5	159.2	382.3	309.7	30.3	19.5	412.6	329.2
June	322.6	150.7	59.8	159.2	382.4	309.9	30.0	19.6	412.3	329.5
2002-03										
July	323.3	150.8	59.5	158.8	382.8	309.6	29.3	19.9	412.1	329.5
August	324.1	151.1	59.6	158.1	383.7	309.2	28.4	20.1	412.1	329.3
September	325.3	152.0	59.6	157.2	384.9	309.2	27.4	20.0	412.3	329.2
October	327.1	153.6	59.0	156.5	386.1	310.1	26.6	19.6	412.7	329.7
November	329.2	156.2	57.8	155.8	387.0	312.0	26.3	19.1	413.4	331.1
December	331.2	159.3	56.6	155.2	387.8	314.5	26.6	18.6	414.4	333.1
January	333.1	162.2	55.5	155.0	388.6	317.2	27.1	18.3	415.7	335.4
February	334.6	164.7	55.0	155.1	389.6	319.8	27.7	18.1	417.3	337.9
March	335.7	166.5	55.1	155.6	390.8	322.1	28.1	18.2	418.9	340.3
April	336.6	167.7	55.5	156.3	392.1	324.0	28.4	18.3	420.5	342.3
May	337.1	168.5	56.1	157.1	393.2	325.6	28.6	18.4	421.8	344.0

(a) Population aged 15 years and over.

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

Period	Civilian population			Unemployment rate			Participation rate		
	Males aged 15 and over	Females aged 15 and over	Persons aged 15-19	Males all ages	Females all ages	Persons all ages	Males	Females	Persons
	'000	'000	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
ANNUAL AVERAGE									
1999-00	587.6	613.8	20.0	8.4	7.5	8.0	70.3	51.9	60.9
2000-01	591.6	616.9	17.9	8.0	6.3	7.2	69.3	51.9	60.4
2001-02	595.4	620.5	18.5	7.8	6.1	7.1	68.9	52.6	60.6
MONTHLY, ORIGINAL									
2001-02									
March	596.2	621.3	18.3	6.9	6.5	6.8	69.3	52.6	60.8
April	596.6	621.7	16.3	7.3	5.6	6.5	69.2	53.1	61.0
May	597.0	622.1	17.9	7.6	5.9	6.8	69.0	52.8	60.7
June	597.4	622.5	17.5	7.3	5.9	6.7	68.6	53.2	60.8
2002-03									
July	597.9	623.0	13.0	6.4	5.7	6.1	68.3	52.0	59.9
August	598.4	623.5	16.3	7.0	6.2	6.7	68.2	52.4	60.1
September	598.9	624.0	16.6	6.4	6.3	6.4	69.8	53.6	61.5
October	599.3	624.4	16.3	6.4	5.7	6.1	68.5	53.1	60.7
November	599.8	624.8	14.9	6.5	5.1	5.9	68.5	53.0	60.6
December	600.2	625.2	15.5	5.8	5.3	5.6	69.7	53.5	61.4
January	600.9	625.8	19.7	7.3	5.7	6.6	69.5	53.0	61.0
February	601.6	626.3	18.3	7.5	5.9	6.8	69.9	54.0	61.8
March	602.3	626.9	15.9	6.4	5.8	6.1	69.4	54.9	62.0
April	602.7	627.1	18.0	6.8	5.3	6.1	69.8	54.2	61.9
May	603.0	627.4	20.1	6.9	5.5	6.3	70.0	54.5	62.1
MONTHLY, TREND									
2001-02									
March	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	7.5	6.1	6.8	69.2	52.8	60.8
April	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	7.4	6.0	6.8	69.2	52.9	60.9
May	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	7.4	5.9	6.7	69.1	52.9	60.8
June	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	7.3	5.9	6.7	69.0	52.9	60.8
2002-03									
July	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	7.1	6.0	6.6	68.9	52.9	60.7
August	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	6.9	6.1	6.5	68.9	52.8	60.7
September	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	6.6	6.1	6.4	68.8	52.8	60.6
October	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	6.5	5.9	6.2	68.9	52.8	60.7
November	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	6.4	5.8	6.1	68.9	53.0	60.8
December	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	6.4	5.6	6.0	69.0	53.3	61.0
January	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	6.5	5.4	6.0	69.2	53.6	61.2
February	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	6.6	5.4	6.1	69.4	54.0	61.5
March	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	6.7	5.3	6.1	69.6	54.3	61.8
April	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	6.8	5.3	6.1	69.8	54.6	62.0
May	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	6.8	5.4	6.1	69.9	54.8	62.2

(a) Population aged 15 years and over.

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

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AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF EMPLOYEES

Period	Males			Females			Persons		
	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All males total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All females total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All employees total earnings
ANNUAL AVERAGE (\$ per week)									
1999-00	756.80	812.50	695.00	641.70	663.30	457.20	714.40	757.50	575.90
2000-01	811.30	864.40	746.80	685.20	703.90	491.20	765.70	806.40	619.70
2001-02	830.20	890.18	775.00	731.10	744.33	505.18	797.18	841.68	643.75
QUARTERLY, ORIGINAL (\$ per week)									
2001-02									
November	827.80	884.90	772.10	733.00	745.80	506.00	796.10	838.40	641.40
February	831.00	900.50	773.20	741.80	754.60	497.90	801.50	852.20	639.20
May	829.40	899.40	783.50	735.10	749.80	503.80	799.40	851.80	649.90
2002-03									
August	829.90	877.40	765.50	757.20	770.30	543.20	805.50	841.40	661.80
November	851.10	902.10	781.00	755.80	769.30	527.20	818.90	857.20	662.40
February	884.60	933.00	810.50	781.60	795.60	550.70	850.90	888.00	692.30
QUARTERLY, TREND (\$ per week)									
2001-02									
November	830.10	887.60	772.70	728.10	741.00	501.80	795.90	838.70	640.50
February	828.80	893.10	774.90	737.70	751.10	505.10	799.00	846.70	643.80
May	828.50	892.40	774.10	744.30	757.90	513.50	801.00	848.30	649.10
2002-03									
August	836.90	894.10	777.00	751.60	765.10	525.30	808.60	851.30	658.70
November	853.10	903.20	784.80	761.50	775.10	536.10	822.50	860.80	670.20
February	874.20	919.10	797.20	773.20	787.30	545.50	841.10	876.30	682.70

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

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SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS(a)

Period	Original		Seasonally adjusted		Trend	
	Dwelling units	Value	Dwelling units	Value	Dwelling units	Value
	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m
2001-02						
February	4 008	455	4 201	467	4 264	477
March	4 246	478	4 226	477	4 299	477
April	4 112	458	4 151	461	4 368	480
May	4 880	525	4 508	486	4 448	486
June	4 681	498	4 671	511	4 504	494
2002-03						
July	4 988	524	4 711	502	4 500	501
August	4 166	476	4 367	508	4 427	504
September	3 825	454	4 171	493	4 307	503
October	4 329	517	4 261	517	4 193	500
November	4 336	529	4 038	494	4 144	501
December	4 322	539	4 128	496	4 183	510
January	3 765	465	4 233	517	4 278	525
February	4 112	508	4 321	522	4 391	543
March	4 814	617	4 728	600	4 505	563
April	4 583	580	4 634	593	4 605	581

(a) Excludes alterations and additions. Includes refinancing.

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

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FINANCE COMMITMENTS

Period	Commercial finance commitments			Personal finance commitments			Total lease finance commitments
	Fixed loan facilities	Revolving credit facilities	Total commercial finance commitments	Fixed loan facilities	Revolving credit facilities	Total personal finance commitments	
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	
2001-02							
February	422.8	288.2	711.0	176.3	134.7	310.9	13.9
March	545.5	235.5	781.0	176.3	145.9	322.3	14.6
April	476.6	226.0	702.6	169.8	151.7	321.5	13.3
May	457.3	220.1	677.4	193.8	158.7	352.5	16.3
June	595.1	370.9	966.0	188.7	187.9	376.6	17.3
2002-03							
July	593.0	413.3	1 006.3	198.3	180.2	378.5	15.2
August	524.6	484.1	1 008.7	195.7	180.2	375.9	12.3
September	524.0	433.9	957.9	180.2	150.1	330.4	13.4
October	545.4	372.3	917.7	190.4	182.3	372.8	14.2
November	519.2	341.6	860.8	199.1	190.1	389.2	12.8
December	706.9	373.0	1 079.9	210.0	204.9	414.9	14.2
January	616.6	272.2	888.9	210.5	147.3	357.8	15.3
February	468.0	244.5	713.5	210.0	155.4	365.4	13.6
March	589.7	278.0	879.5	220.3	207.6	428.0	17.0
April	602.5	208.2	810.7	204.8	182.0	394.2	13.1

Source: ABS data available on request.

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