

# 2006 Australia at a glance



# economy

## NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

		2002-03	2003-04
Chain volume GDP and related measures <sup>1</sup>			
GDP	\$m	758 147	786 754
GDP	% change	3.2	3.8
GDP per capita	% change	2.0	2.5
Multifactor Productivity			
– Market sector <sup>2</sup>	% change	0.9	2.3

<sup>1</sup>Reference year for chain volume measures is 2002-03.

<sup>2</sup>Gross domestic product per combined unit of labour and capital.  
Hours worked basis.

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
Annual percentage change in GDP <sup>1</sup>			
United States of America	0.8	2.3	4.4
Japan	-1.4	1.1	2.6
Germany	0.4	0.3	0.6
France	1.2	1.0	1.7
Italy	0.6	0.6	0.6
United Kingdom	1.9	2.2	3.2
Canada	1.7	3.1	1.9
Australia	3.9	3.2	3.8

<sup>1</sup>Based on real gross domestic product for all countries other than Japan which is based on real gross national product.

## CONSUMER PRICE & OTHER PRICE INDEXES<sup>1</sup>

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
CPI, all groups	140.2	143.5	147.0
Stage of production (stage 3) <sup>2</sup>	110.5	112.0	116.1
Export	111.7	102.5	116.4
Import	126.0	112.3	112.8
Output of general construction <sup>2</sup>	112.7	121.1	130.2
Articles produced by manufacturing	130.3	130.4	139.3
Transport (freight) and storage <sup>2</sup>	105.2	107.1	111.2
Property and business services <sup>2</sup>	113.5	117.3	120.3

<sup>1</sup>Unless otherwise specified, reference base year is 1989-90 = 100.0.

<sup>2</sup>Reference base year is 1998-99 = 100.0.

## INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE

		2003-04	2004-05
Total exports	\$m	109 049	126 719
Total imports	\$m	130 997	149 520

		2004-05	2004-05
Major merchandise commodities		Exports	Imports
Food and live animals	\$m	19 550	5 594
Beverages and tobacco	\$m	2 934	989
Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	\$m	25 717	1 947
Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	\$m	29 300	15 118
Chemicals and related products, n.e.s.	\$m	5 937	17 482
Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	\$m	12 335	17 725
Machinery and transport equipment	\$m	12 426	67 058
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	\$m	4 377	20 528

## INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN SERVICES

		2003-04	2004-05
Total exports of services	\$m	33 980	34 987
Freight	\$m	830	785
Other transport	\$m	6 772	7 231
Travel	\$m	17 108	17 589
Other service	\$m	9 270	9 382
Total imports of services	\$m	34 235	36 922
Freight	\$m	6 056	7 514
Other transport	\$m	5 578	5 662
Travel	\$m	12 136	13 525
Other services	\$m	10 465	10 221

## BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

		2003-04	2004-05
Balance on current account	\$m	-47 780	-57 170
Balance on capital and financial account	\$m	47 016	56 850

## INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT POSITION

		2004	2005
Foreign investment in Australia	\$m	1 063 066	1 107 192
Australian investment abroad	\$m	592 575	590 365
Net foreign debt at 30 June	\$m	394 680	429 964
		2003-04	2004-05
Net foreign equity to GDP	%	9.3	10.2
Net foreign debt to GDP	%	48.5	50.6

## FINANCE

		2003-04
All Australian Governments, general government		
Revenue	\$m	310 256
Expenses	\$m	294 617
Tax levied on income of individuals/enterprises	\$m	142 067
Tax levied on provision of goods and services	\$m	69 922
		2005
Private finance assets 30 June		
Banks	\$b	1 214.9
Life insurance corporations	\$b	211.8
Pension funds	\$b	715.1
Other insurance corporations	\$b	96.6
Central borrowing authorities	\$b	111.6
Financial intermediaries n.e.c.	\$b	404.1
		2004-05
Financial institutions lending commitments		
Housing finance	\$m	133 666
Personal finance	\$m	73 702
Commercial finance	\$m	307 991
Lease finance	\$m	6 308

# people

## DEMOGRAPHY

		2002	2003	2004
Population at 30 June	'000	19 641	19 873	20 111
Births	'000	251	251	254
Deaths	'000	134	132	133
			2002-03	2003-04
Permanent and long-term arrivals	'000		393	437
Permanent and long-term departures	'000		276	319

## POPULATION<sup>1</sup>

30 June 2004

State/territory	Area sq km	'000	Capital city <sup>2</sup>	'000
NSW	800 642	6 731	Sydney	4 232
Vic.	227 416	4 973	Melbourne	3 600
Qld	1 730 648	3 882	Brisbane	1 775
SA	983 482	1 534	Adelaide	1 124
WA	2 529 875	1 982	Perth	1 458
Tas.	68 401	482	Greater Hobart	202
NT	1 349 129	200	Darwin	109
ACT	2 358	324	Canberra	324
Aust. <sup>3</sup>	7 692 024	20 111		

<sup>1</sup>Estimated resident population (ERP).

<sup>2</sup>Capital City Statistical Division.

<sup>3</sup>Includes Other Territories.

## SELECTED COUNTRIES POPULATION

			2004 million
Australia	20.1	Japan	127.3
Canada	32.5	New Zealand	4.0
China	1 298.8	Papua New Guinea	5.4
India	1 065.1	United Kingdom	60.3
Indonesia	238.5	United States of America	293.0

## UNEMPLOYMENT RATE<sup>1</sup>

2003

%

Australia	6.1	Japan	5.3
Canada	7.6	Sweden	5.6
France	9.4	United Kingdom	5.0
Germany	9.6	United States of America	6.0

<sup>1</sup>Standardised using ILO/OECD definition.

## LABOUR MARKET

2003-04

2004-05

### Annual averages

Employed persons	'000	9 559	9 845
Unemployed persons	'000	586	546
Unemployment rate	%	5.8	5.3
Average weekly actual hours worked by full-time employed persons	hours	40.4	40.7

2004

2005

Job vacancies, May	'000	122.7	137.8
Average weekly total earnings, full-time adult employees, May	\$	993.60	1 058.50

## EDUCATION PARTICIPATION

2003

2004

Government school students FTE <sup>1</sup>	'000	2 265	2 260
Non-government school students FTE <sup>1</sup>	'000	1 065	1 084
VET course enrolments	'000	1 718	1 595
Higher education students	'000	930	945

<sup>1</sup>Full-time students plus full-time equivalent of part-time students.

Source: National Centre for Vocational Education Research; Department of Education, Science and Training.

## HEALTH EXPENDITURE

1993-94

2003-04

Total expenditure to GDP	%	8.3	9.7
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Source: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.

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## industry

### PRODUCTION AND GDP<sup>1,2</sup>

	1993-94	2003-04
	\$m	\$m
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	20 540	26 800
Mining	25 378	33 139
Manufacturing	67 141	83 622
Electricity, gas and water supply	14 941	17 202
Construction	29 344	48 556
Wholesale trade	25 533	42 164
Retail trade	27 016	42 321
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	10 897	16 468
Transport and storage	25 039	39 164
Communication services	10 572	20 986
Finance and insurance	37 906	60 445
Property and business services <sup>3</sup>	47 595	82 149
Government administration and defence	23 417	30 125
Education	28 293	33 547
Health and community services	30 637	45 398
Cultural and recreational services	10 067	13 585
Personal and other services	12 345	17 716
Gross domestic product	538 269	786 754

<sup>1</sup>Industry gross value added at basic prices.

<sup>2</sup>Chain volume measures, reference year is 2002-03.

<sup>3</sup>Excludes ownership of dwellings.

### AGRICULTURE

		2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
Gross value of commodities produced	\$m	39 588	32 563	36 927
Crops	\$m	21 403	15 475	20 491
Livestock slaughtering etc	\$m	11 435	10 676	10 896
Livestock products	\$m	6 751	6 412	5 541

### BUILDING WORK DONE

		2003-04	2004-05
New houses <sup>1</sup>	\$m	20 272	19 968
Other new residential building <sup>1</sup>	\$m	10 472	10 453
Alterations and additions	\$m	5 615	5 605
Non-residential building	\$m	17 215	17 943

<sup>1</sup>Chain volume measures, reference year is 2003-04.

## RETAIL TURNOVER<sup>1</sup>

		2003-04	2004-05
Food retailing	\$m	77 101	79 080
Department stores	\$m	15 690	16 401
Clothing and soft good retailing	\$m	12 487	13 482
Hospitality and services	\$m	31 239	30 802
Other retailing	\$m	57 003	60 521

<sup>1</sup>Chain volume measures, reference year is 2003-04.

## TOURISM

		2003	2004
Short-term international visitor arrivals	'000	4 746	5 215
Australians travelling abroad (number of departures)	'000	3 388	4 369

### Major source countries of short-term visitor arrivals

New Zealand	'000	839	1 033
United States of America	'000	422	433
United Kingdom	'000	673	676
Japan	'000	628	710

## REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES

		2003	2004
Passenger vehicles	'000	10 404	10 669
Light commercial vehicles, trucks, non-freight carrying trucks, buses	'000	2 381	2 467
Motor cycles	'000	377	396

## environment

Australia comprises a land area of almost 7.7 million square kilometres. The bulk of the Australian land mass lies between latitudes 10 degrees 41 minutes (10° 41') south (Cape York, Queensland) and 43° 38' south (South East Cape, Tasmania) and between longitudes 113° 09' east (Steep Point, Western Australia) and 153° 38' east (Cape Byron, New South Wales).

The land area of Australia is almost as great as that of the United States of America (excluding Alaska and Hawaii), about twice the size of the European Union, and 32 times greater than the United Kingdom.

Australia is composed of six states: New South Wales (NSW), Victoria (Vic.), Queensland (Qld), South Australia (SA), Western Australia (WA), Tasmania (Tas.) and two territories: Northern Territory (NT) and Australian Capital Territory (ACT). The longest river in Australia is the Murray River (2,520 kilometres), which forms a natural border between NSW and Vic. The highest mountain in Australia is Mt Kosciuszko, 2,228 metres, which is situated in NSW.

## CLIMATE

### Average daily temperature

	Average annual rainfall mm	January		July	
		Max °C	Min °C	Max °C	Min °C
Sydney	1 276.5	26.1	19.4	17.2	8.6
Melbourne	654.4	25.8	15.4	13.9	6.8
Brisbane	1 194.0	29.2	21.2	20.6	9.5
Adelaide	563.0	28.7	16.8	15.2	7.4
Perth	745.3	31.9	17.2	17.9	8.4
Hobart	576.4	21.8	12.5	12.2	4.7
Darwin	1 847.1	31.8	24.8	30.7	19.4
Canberra	630.0	27.7	13.3	11.5	-0.1

Averages are for the standard climate normal period (1971-2000) except for Adelaide (1977-2000). Brisbane, Perth, Darwin and Canberra averages are for observations taken at airports, others are at locations in or near the central city.

Source: Bureau of Meteorology.

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