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# 2000 WESTERN AUSTRALIA AT A GLANCE



## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Capital city: Perth, founded 12 August 1829

Time zone: Western Standard Time, eight hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time

Approximate distances by air from Perth to Australian State and Territory capital cities in kilometres :

Sydney	3 400	Adelaide	2 200	Canberra	3 300
Melbourne	2 800	Hobart	3 400	Darwin	2 900
Brisbane	4 100				



Population	1997	1998	1999
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### Estimated resident population (ERP) at 30 June —

Western Australia—				
Males	'000	869.5	887.9	904.4
Females	"	861.6	877.9	893.7
Persons	"	1 797.9r	1 829.1	1 861.0
Perth Statistical Division	"	1 318.8r	1 340.3	1 364.2
Rest of State	"	479.1r	488.8	496.8

Census Population	1986	1991	1996
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### Age groups (proportion of population) —

Under 15 years	%	24.2	23.6	22.4
15-19 years	"	8.6	7.8	7.4
20-59 years	"	54.0	54.9	56.2
60-64 years	"	3.9	3.9	3.6
65 years and over	"	9.3	9.9	10.4

### Birthplace (proportion of population) —

Australia	%	70.9	69.2	68.3
Europe —				
UK and Ireland	"	13.8	13.6	12.4
Italy	"	2.0	1.7	1.5
Other	"	4.3	4.2	2.4
Asia	"	3.6	4.7	4.1
New Zealand	"	1.8	2.2	2.3
Other	"	3.7	4.4	9.0

### Major urban centres —

Albany	No.	16 316	18 826	20 493
Bunbury	"	23 031	24 003	24 945
Geraldton	"	21 726	24 361	25 243
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	"	22 232	25 016	28 087
Mandurah	"	14 699	23 343	35 945
Perth	"	883 716	1 018 702	1 096 829
Port Hedland	"	13 069	11 344	12 846

Vital Statistics	1996	1997	1998
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Live Births registered	No.	24 793	24 776	24 717
Deaths registered	"	11 027	10 807	10 664
Marriages registered	"	10 294	10 456	10 705
Divorces granted	"	4 959	5 046	5 268

### Crude rate (per 1 000 mean ERP) —

Births		14.1	13.8	13.5
Deaths		6.3	6.0	5.8
Marriages		5.8	5.8	5.8
Divorces		2.8	2.8	2.9

Education (a)	1997	1998	1999
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Students				
Government	No.	226 075	226 583	227 232
Non-government	"	85 002	87 444	89 337

### Schools

Government	"	767	764	765
Non-government	"	264	264	273

(a) as at 31 July

Average Weekly Earnings : Nov (a)		1997	1998	1999
Males	\$	721.20	733.70	744.10
Females	"	415.70	414.70	425.00
Persons	"	564.20	571.90	581.10

(a) Total earnings, Trend

Employment : Nov (a)		1997	1998	1999
<b>Total labour force —</b>	'000	<b>933.1</b>	<b>959.2</b>	<b>990.4</b>
Employed persons	"	868.1	891.3	922.2
Unemployed persons	"	65.0	67.9	68.2
<b>Unemployment rate</b>	%	<b>7.0</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>6.9</b>

(a) Trend

Industry of Employed Persons : Nov	1997	1998	1999	
Agriculture, forestry, etc	'000	46.4	45.8	42.9
Mining	"	28.6	31.1	30.7
Manufacturing	"	85.2	91.8	94.6
Electricity, gas & water	"	6.4	6.9	9.2
Construction	"	73.9	62.7	75.8
Wholesale and retail trade	"	178.8	179.4	194.5
Accommodation, cafe & restaurant	"	39.8	40.7	39.0
Transport and storage	"	37.6	41.1	44.4
Communication	"	14.4	14.5	12.5
Finance, insur, property & business	"	116.1	129.2	128.2
Government admin & defence	"	33.8	35.8	38.1
Education	"	65.1	65.8	65.4
Health & community services	"	80.7	82.3	86.5
Culture, recreation & personal	"	60.1	61.3	64.7

State Government Finance		1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
<b>Current outlays —</b>	\$m	<b>6 718r</b>	<b>6 943r</b>	<b>7 220</b>
Final consumption expenditure	"	4 118r	4 396r	4 997
Interest payments	"	1 346r	1 039r	1 047
Other current outlays	"	1 184r	1 508r	1 076
<b>Capital outlays —</b>	"	<b>1 307r</b>	<b>1 673r</b>	<b>-428</b>
Gross fixed capital expenditure	"	1 260r	1 585r	-448
Other capital outlays	"	47r	88r	20
<b>Total Revenue —</b>	"	<b>8 056r</b>	<b>8 025r</b>	<b>8 391</b>
Taxes, fees and fines	"	2 563r	2 563r	2 993
Net operating surpluses of public trading enterprises	"	785r	1 116r	933
Interest received	"	800r	493r	502
Grants received	"	3 343r	3 173	3 277
Other revenue	"	565r	590r	686
<b>Financing transactions —</b>	"	<b>-31r</b>	<b>591r</b>	<b>-1 098</b>
Borrowing (net)	"	-321r	203r	-1 587
Other financing transactions	"	290	388r	489

Housing Finance : Owner occupied		1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
<b>Secured finance commitments to individuals for —</b>	\$m			
Construction of dwellings		979.1	1 210.8	1 385.6
Purchase of —				
Newly erected dwellings	"	199.3	227.7	215.1
Established dwellings (a)	"	4 870.2	5 045.0	5 718.5
Alterations and additions	"	268.4	283.2	287.1

(a) includes refinancing

Average Retail Food Prices		1997	1998	1999
Perth, December quarter —		(cents)	(cents)	(cents)
Milk carton, supermarket sales	1 litre	135	135	146
Cheese, processed, sliced wrapped	500 g	337	335	351
Butter	"	191	196	199
Bread, white loaf, sliced	680 g	187	196	220
Rump steak	1 kg	1 052	1 018	1 191
Silverside, corned	"	636	686	683
Lamb, leg	"	579	589	569
Chicken, frozen	"	368	349	353
Bacon, middle rashers	250 g pkt	351	359	395
Sausages	1 kg	428	398	542
Potatoes	1 kg	120	135	152
Tomatoes	"	311	398	298
Eggs (a)	1 doz	263	246	281
Sugar, white	2 kg	233	254	262
Teabags (b)	180 g	231	264	334
Coffee, instant	150 g jar	656	679	644
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500 g	149	169	179

(a) 61g eggs in 1999, 50g eggs in 1997 and 1998 50 g eggs in 1997 and 1998,  
(b) 180g box of teabags in 1999, 250g in 1997 and 1998 .

Consumer Price Index	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
<b>Perth</b>			
Base: 1989-90 = 100.0			
Food	121.0	122.9	128.0
Clothing	106.2	106.2	105.3
Housing	96.4	89.1	90.5
Household equipment and operation	113.1	113.6	113.6
Transportation	122.4	121.4	122.3
Tobacco and alcohol	152.2	155.2	159.2
Health and personal care	146.8	147.0	149.0
Recreation and education	116.0	118.7	121.1
All groups	118.3	118.0	120.1

Building		1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
<b>New residential buildings —</b>				
Approved	No.	15 646	18 354	20 331
Completed	"	14 342	16 244r	17 564
<b>Value of new residential buildings —</b>				
Approved	\$m	1 525	1 856	2 193
Completed	"	1 430	1 719r	1 883
<b>Total value of buildings —</b>				
Approved	"	2 902	2 943	3 488
Completed	"	2 496	3 044r	3 065

Mining (source ABARE)		1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
<b>Production —</b>				
Iron ore	'000t	150 711	155 485	137 470p
Crude oil	megalitres	15 974	17 561	13 823p
Gold	kilograms	227 040	240 510	218 100p
Natural gas	gigalitres	16 713	17 707	16 941p
Diamonds	'000ct	37 120	43 046	35 910p

<b>Manufacturing Industry</b>		<b>1995-96</b>	<b>1996-97</b>	<b>1997-98</b>
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Persons employed as at 30 June	'000	72.3	73.5r	76.0
Turnover	\$m	15 750	16 780r	17 529

<b>Imports and Exports</b>		<b>1996-97</b>	<b>1997-98</b>	<b>1998-99</b>
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<b>Imports</b>	<b>\$m</b>	<b>6 815</b>	<b>8 609</b>	<b>9 015</b>
<b>Exports</b>	<b>"</b>	<b>19 332r</b>	<b>22 765r</b>	<b>21 777r</b>

**Exports to —**

Japan	\$m	4 841r	5 391	5 086
U.K.	"	435	868	1 420
Singapore	"	1 184r	1 308	1 320

**Imports from —**

Japan	\$m	882	1 012	1 115
U.S.A.	"	1 178	1 248	1 656
United Kingdom	"	391r	472	468

**Major commodities exported —**

Iron ore	\$m	3 149	3 766	3 797
Wool	"	645	654	409
Wheat	"	1 616	1 601	1 693
Gold bullion	"	2 937r	4 508	4 069
Petroleum & petroleum products	"	1 943	2 047	1 672

<b>Agriculture</b>		<b>1995-96</b>	<b>1996-97</b>	<b>1997-98</b>
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**Gross value of production —**

Wheat for grain	\$m	1 812.0	1 621.1	1 557.4
Livestock slaughterings and other disposals	"	684.1	685.1	698.8
<b>Total agriculture</b>	<b>"</b>	<b>4 489.2</b>	<b>4 196.4</b>	<b>4 347.9</b>

**Livestock at 31 March —**

Cattle for —				
Milk	'000	120.9	121.9	124.0
Meat	"	1 802.8	1 786.8	1 848.0
Sheep and lambs	"	29 834.0	27 821.1	27 476.0
Pigs	"	313.6	297.4	303.0

**Production —**

Wheat for grain	'000tonnes	6 827	7 516	7 725
Wool	"	161	160	154
Beef and veal	"	97	92	102
Mutton and lamb	"	63	88	90
Pigmeat	"	37	39	35

<b>Overseas Arrivals and Departures</b>		<b>1996-97</b>	<b>1997-98</b>	<b>1998-99</b>
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<b>Total Overseas Arrivals</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>763 410</b>	<b>814 000</b>	<b>840 010</b>
<b>Total Overseas Departures</b>	<b>"</b>	<b>747 390</b>	<b>810 300</b>	<b>830 880</b>

**Short term visitor arrivals by air —**

Indonesia	"	51 600	34 370	28 580
Japan	"	33 880	32 090	33 760
New Zealand	"	26 420	26 320	27 270
Singapore	"	63 950	73 120	64 590
United Kingdom & Ireland	"	69 460	80 930	91 490
<b>All countries</b>	<b>"</b>	<b>397 290</b>	<b>400 810</b>	<b>408 120</b>

Transport (a)		1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
<b>New motor vehicles registrations —</b>				
Motor cars and station wagons	No.	56 984	67 675	66 573
Motor cycles	"	2 692	3 103	3 161
Other	"	13 035	13 781	13 198
<b>Total</b>	<b>"</b>	<b>72 711</b>	<b>84 559</b>	<b>82 932</b>

<b>Vehicles on register —</b>				
Motor cars and station wagons	No.	922 598r	956 898r	1 004 089
Motor cycles	"	37 783r	39 318r	41 909
Other	"	264 616r	273 365r	281 205
<b>Total</b>	<b>"</b>	<b>1 137</b>	<b>1 269 531r</b>	<b>1 327 203</b>

(a) For 1996 and 1997, Vehicles on register is at 2 November.

For 1998, Vehicles on register is at 31 October.

## Western Australia in Relation to Australia

Area		Date or period	Western Australia	Per cent of Australian total
Area	'000 sq km	..	2 526	32.9
Coastline	km	..	12 500	34.0
<b>Demography —</b>				
Estimated resident population	'000	30 Jun 1999	1 861.0	9.8
Births registered	No.	"	24 717	9.9
Deaths registered (including infant deaths)	"	"	10 664	8.4
Marriages registered	"	"	10 705	9.7
Divorces granted	"	"	5 268	10.3
<b>Labour force —</b>				
Employed persons	'000	Mar 2000	929.3	10.4
Unemployed persons	"	"	63.8	9.8
<b>Agriculture —</b>				
Gross value of production	\$m	1997-98	4 348	15.5
Area of establishments	'000 ha	"	115 771	25.0
<b>Wheat for grain —</b>				
Area	'000 ha	"	4 205	40.3
Production	'000 tonnes	"	7 725	40.2
Wool	"	"	154	24.0
<b>Manufacturing —</b>				
Persons employed	'000	1997-98	76.0	8.0
Turnover	\$m	"	17 529.2	8.2
<b>Foreign Trade —</b>				
Imports	\$m	1998-99	9 015	9.2
Exports	"	"	21 777	25.3

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