

# **STATE AND REGIONAL INDICATORS**

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## NOTES

### FORTHCOMING ISSUES

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### CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

Six additional tables are included in this issue. Topics covered are life expectancy, causes of death, public hospital admissions and emergency patients and timeliness of elective surgery. These tables are not expected to be included in the next issue, but may be included in future issues as further data becomes available. Tourist accommodation tables (36 and 37) contain March 2003 quarter data as June 2003 quarter data are not yet available.

As a result of changes in the industry, internet activity data by Statistical Division for March quarter 2003 are not published in this issue, but are available on request. For more detail, refer to the footnotes to Table 45.

### EXPLANATORY NOTES

The statistics shown are the latest available as at 6 October 2003.

Explanatory Notes in the form found in other ABS publications are not included in *State and Regional Indicators, Victoria*. Readers are directed to the Explanatory Notes contained in related ABS publications.

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## ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

ABR	Australian Business Register
AHECC	Australian Harmonised Export Commodity Classification
ANZSIC	Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification
ATO	Australian Taxation Office
(B)	Borough
(C)	City
CBD	Central Business District
EPA	Environment Protection Authority
FT	Full-time
LGA	Local Government Area
ML	megalitres
mL	millilitres
MSD	Melbourne Statistical Division
MSR	Major Statistical Region
n.a.	not available
n.e.c.	not elsewhere classified
n.e.s.	not elsewhere specified
NEPM	National Environment Protection Measure
n.p.	not available for publication but included in totals where applicable
n.y.a.	not yet available
p	preliminary — figure or series subject to revision
PT	Part-time
r	figure or series revised since previous issue
(RC)	Rural City
(S)	Shire
SD	Statistical Division
SEPP	State Environment Protection Policy
SITC	Standard International Trade Classification
VWA	Victorian Workcover Authority
*	estimate is subject to sampling variability too high for most practical purposes
. .	not applicable
—	nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

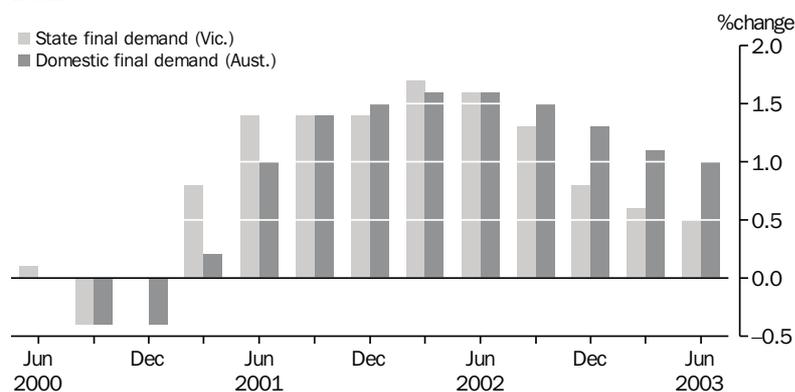


## MAIN FEATURES

### STATE FINAL DEMAND

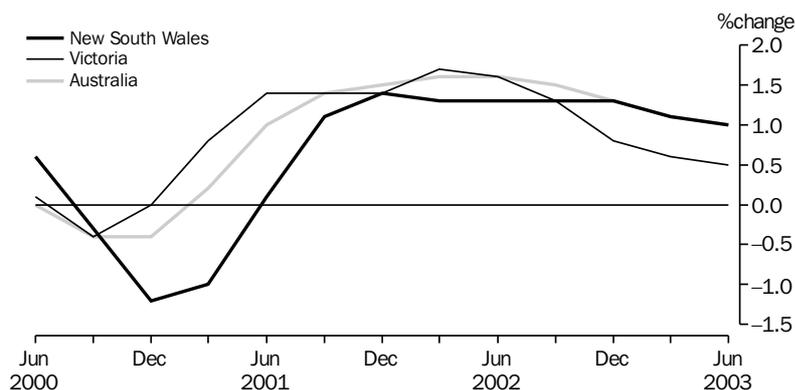
For the June quarter 2003, the estimate for state final demand (trend) in volume terms was \$47,304m (\$47b), an increase of 0.5% on the March quarter 2003, in real terms. Over the same period (March to June quarter 2003), the Australian estimate (domestic final demand) increased by 1.0%. In annual terms (June 2002 to June 2003), Victorian state final demand (trend) grew by 3.3%, while domestic final demand (trend) grew 5.0%.

STATE FINAL DEMAND, Chain volume measures — Change from previous quarter:  
Trend



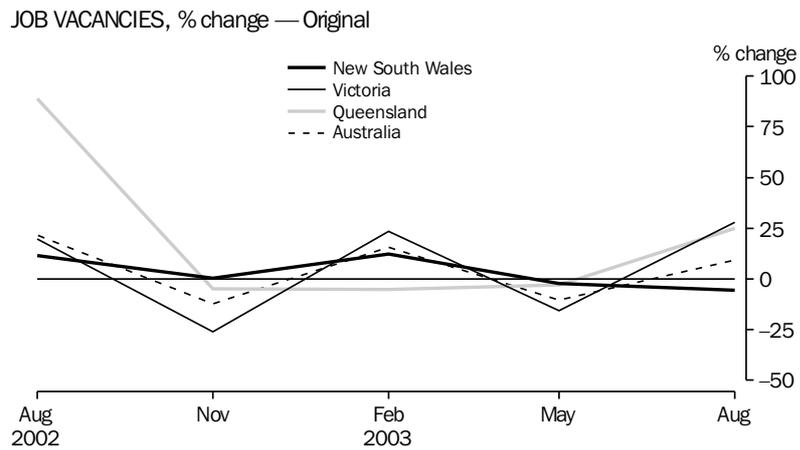
In Victoria, growth for the last two quarters has been largely driven by Household final consumption expenditure. However growth has slowed from a peak of 1.7% (in March quarter 2002) to 0.5% (in June quarter 2003). In contrast, in New South Wales the growth rate in the trend series for state final demand has declined slightly since the December quarter 2002, to 1.0%.

STATE FINAL DEMAND, Chain volume measures — Change from previous quarter:  
Trend



### LABOUR FORCE

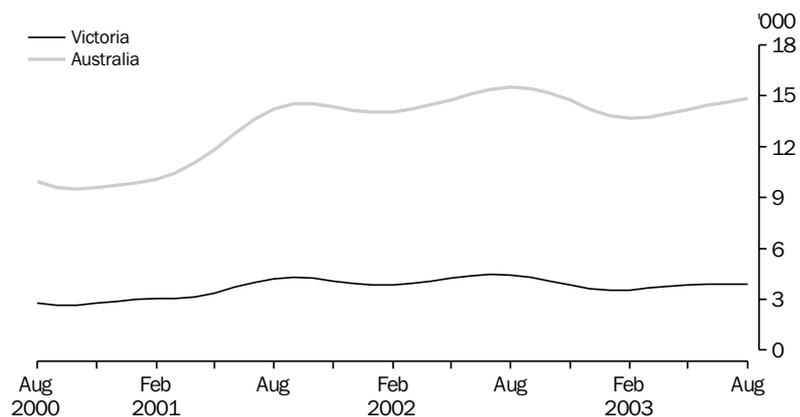
In August 2003, the estimated job vacancies in Victoria stood at 29,300 positions, up 27.9% from May 2003. The increase, in both the number of job vacancies and in percentage terms, was the highest recorded amongst all state and territories and significantly higher than its Australian equivalent at 9.3%. The increase in job vacancies for Victoria was entirely driven by the private sector up 6,800 (34.5%) with job vacancies in the public sector falling by 400 positions (12.5%).



## CONSTRUCTION

In August 2003, the trend estimate for the total number of dwelling units approved for Victoria was 3,884 dwellings, down 0.5% from the previous month. This is compared to the national estimate which increased by 1.4% on the previous month. The number of dwelling unit approvals for Victoria has decreased for the past two months, following increases in each of the five months prior to this.

### DWELLING UNITS APPROVED: Trend estimates



The total value of Victorian building approvals (trend) was \$1,331.4m in August 2003, up 2.7% from July and 3.7% higher than in August 2002.

In the June quarter 2003 from the March quarter 2003, the price index for established homes in Melbourne rose 4.2%. The index for the 2002–2003 financial year rose by 11.7% compared to a rise of 21.7% for the 2001–2002 financial year. The index for project homes prices rose by 2.5% in the June quarter 2003 from the March quarter 2003 and 3.6% for the 2002–2003 financial year

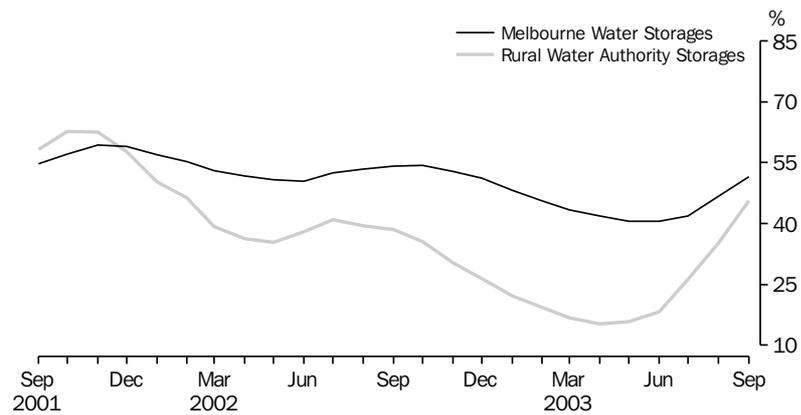
## RETAIL TURNOVER

Retail turnover in Victoria in August 2003 was \$3,593.2m in trend terms, up 0.5% from July 2003 and 5.8% from August 2002. National retail trade growth was 0.7% for the month and 6.3% for the year to August 2003. The fastest growing retail industries in Victoria, for the year to August 2003, were other retailing (Pharmaceutical, cosmetics etc.) 17.9% and department stores 8.7%. Recreational goods recorded the fastest decline of 12.4%.

## WATER STORAGES

At the end of September 2003, Victorian water storages were at 46.7% of capacity, an increase of 10.0% from the end of August, and 3.8% higher than September 2002. Rural water storages at the end of September 2003 were at 45.5% of capacity, an increase of 19.3% over the previous two months. This contrasted with 2002 where rural water storages were 38.5% of capacity at the end of September, after a fall of 2.5% from July 2002. Melbourne water storages at the end of September 2003 were at 51.5% of capacity, an increase of 9.7% over the previous two months, and 2.6% less than the level recorded at the end of September 2002.

WATER STORAGE VOLUMES, Percent of capacity — Monthly





## FEATURE ARTICLE

## ESTIMATING WORKPLACE GROWTH FROM WORKCOVER DATA

### BACKGROUND

In response to demand from the Victorian government and other planners for more information on regional Victoria, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) undertook a study investigating the feasibility of using Victorian WorkCover Authority (VWA) data to construct estimates of regional workplace numbers (at 30 June 2000, 2001 and 2002) for the purpose of measuring workplace growth.

The VWA collects information about workplaces. A workplace is defined as an area occupied by an employer where workers work or pass through in the course of their employment. The postcode of the workplace is among the information collected, so it is possible to code workplaces to sub-state regions. As workers compensation is a compulsory requirement, the VWA data was expected to be of reasonable quality, and this had been borne out by an internal ABS study in 1999. For these reasons, it was decided to investigate the use of this data to produce workplace growth estimates. To enable regional and industry analysis, the estimates of growth were broken down by Statistical Division (SD), local government area (LGA) and by ANZSIC Division.

This article summarises the progress of this project ('the workplace growth project') to date, including a description of the methodology and a summary of the main findings.

### VWA DATA

The VWA estimates used in this project give information on:

- the number of VWA workplaces at 30 June for 2000, 2001 and 2002
- the annual change in number of workplaces
- and are broken down by Statistical Division (SD), local government area (LGA) and by industry (ANZSIC division).

There are some limitations to the use of VWA data. In particular, some of the largest businesses are not included, including Commonwealth employers, Commonwealth government trading enterprises, and the 36 "self insurers". In addition it is important to keep in mind that there is no necessary connection between the number of workplaces in the region and the performance and/or composition of those workplaces. For example, an increase in the number of workplaces could actually be associated with a decrease in the region's contribution to gross state product — if (say) many of the new workplaces were making a loss. Similarly a region such as the Melbourne CBD may contain a large number of head office corporations in contrast to a rural region which may be dominated by agricultural workplaces. Simple comparisons of changes in the number of workplaces between such disparate regions need to take these issues into consideration.

## METHODOLOGY

The population for the VWA data comprises all workplaces which employ workers and have annual remuneration greater than \$7500, and all workplaces (regardless of remuneration) which employ trainees or apprentices. Commonwealth employers and Commonwealth government trading enterprises are not included, as they are insured through Comcare. Sole traders, self employed and contractors are not generally included because they do not have employees. Self insurers are organisations approved by VWA to manage and be liable for their own workers compensation claims, therefore they are not covered. The 36 self insurers (for the 2000–01 financial year) were large corporations, representing 10% of total remuneration for all workplaces, making their omission significant.

The VWA dataset collects information about workplaces at the postcode level which can be concorded to local government area (LGA) geographical level for the purpose of measuring regional growth.

Two industry classifications for coding workplace activity are used by VWA. One of these, the industry activity code, can readily be converted to the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC), as used by the ABS.

Workplace 'deaths' are processed only once a year in practice, which negates the possibility of having a quarterly time series on net growth.

In the light of the above, it was decided to adopt the following scope criteria:

- Coverage to include workplaces employing workers with an annual remuneration greater than \$7500, and all workplaces employing trainees or apprentices.
- Exclusion of Commonwealth employers and Commonwealth government trading enterprises, self insurers, self employed and contractors.
- Geographic analysis on net growth to be at the LGA level.
- Industry analysis to be at the ANZSIC division level.
- Workplaces operating at 30 June of the financial year.

Unit record files were obtained from the VWA containing data for all workplaces registered with WorkCover for the 1999–2000, 2000–01 and 2001–02 financial years. The records were checked for consistency and errors in terms of coding to correct Victorian postcodes and identification of blank or missing values and other anomalies in the data. These anomalies amounted to less than one percent of all records and were removed from the total sum of workplace numbers.

To concord the data from postcode to LGA level, population based concordances were applied. This introduces the crucial assumption that the distribution of human population and workplaces within any given LGA are the same. This assumption is a possible source of error in the estimates. For example, it is quite possible that an LGA boundary may cut across a postcode dividing household residences from a commercial business park. In this example, a population based concordance will incorrectly attribute all the workplaces to the LGA containing the population. In addition, the use of this concordance means the estimates of the number of workplaces can be fractional. However, given the absence of a business based concordance or any other alternatives, it is reasonable to use a population based concordance. Feedback from users about how the resulting estimates compare with their own knowledge will assist the ABS in assessing the effects of using this concordance.

The second concordance, provided by the VWA, linked VWA industry activity codes to ANZSIC divisions. This concordance associated each industry activity code with exactly one ABS ANZSIC division.

Once these processes were finalised, the data was merged for all LGAs and all industries as at 30 June 2000, 2001 and 2002. Net change was calculated between these points in time, in both absolute numbers and in percentage terms.

## ANALYSIS

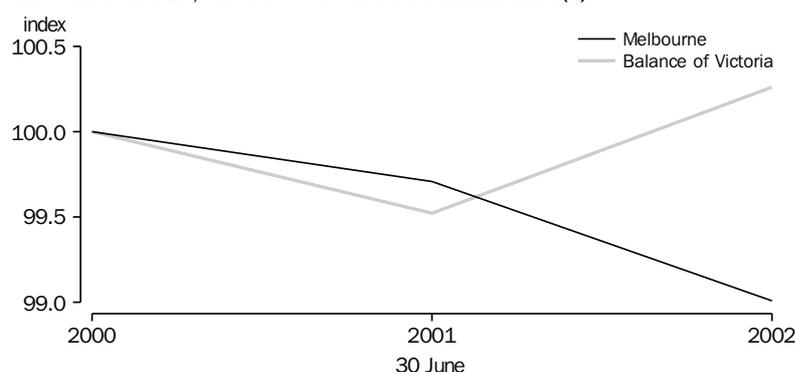
Analysis was conducted for Victoria in total and for Melbourne and the Balance of Victoria. Analysis by local government area and by industry was also considered. A summary of the results are listed below.

Victoria The total number of VWA workplaces across Victoria at 30 June 2002 was 212,207, compared with 212,845 at the same date in 2001, and 213,550 at 30 June 2000. This equated to a decrease of 0.3% during the 12 months ending 30 June 2002, following the same decline the previous year.

Melbourne and Balance of Victoria Melbourne contained 152,999 workplaces at 30 June 2002. Melbourne saw a decline in the number of workplaces over both years studied, with a decrease of 1073 workplaces (0.7%) over the 12 months to 30 June 2002 following a fall of 453 workplaces (0.3%) the preceding year.

The Balance of Victoria Major Statistical Region (i.e. all of Victoria outside Melbourne) contained 58,882 workplaces at 30 June 2002, representing 27.7% of the state's total. This represented annual growth of 0.7% in 2001-02, in contrast to the preceding year where the number of workplaces had declined by 283 (0.5%).

VWA WORKPLACES, Number — All industries: Index values(a)



(a) Base is 100 at 30 June 2000.

#### Local Government Area

Workplace growth varied considerably between LGAs, and within LGAs between 2000–01 and 2001–02. Melbourne LGAs generally contained more workplaces than those in the balance of Victoria, and experienced larger changes in numeric terms. The following LGAs experienced the biggest increases in the number of workplaces in 2001–02:

#### LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS WITH GREATEST INCREASE IN WORKPLACES

Local Government Area	Increase in workplaces from 30 June 2001 to 30 June 2002	
	no.	%
Melbourne		
Kingston (C)	219	3.6
Maribyrnong (C)	192	7.9
Melbourne (C)	153	1.2
Hume (C)	133	2.8
Balance of Victoria		
Murrindindi (S)	84	13.1
Mildura (RC)	79	2.9
Glenelg (S)	72	7.8
Warrnambool	72	5.9

Within Melbourne, the greatest increase, in Kingston (C), was largely contributed by the Retail Trade, Construction and Wholesale Trade industries, which added 49, 45 and 45 workplaces respectively.

Maribyrnong (C) experienced the fastest relative growth in Melbourne (7.9%), adding a further 192 workplaces to the 2001 total. Property and Business Services, Retail Trade, and Health and Community Services significantly contributed to overall growth, with increases of 51, 42 and 35 workplaces respectively.

In the Balance of Victoria, the greatest increases in the number of workplaces over 2001–02 occurred in Murrindindi (S), Mildura (RC), Glenelg (S) and Warrnambool (C). In the fastest-growing of these LGAs, Murrindindi, Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing registered an increase of 25 workplaces (19.1%), whilst Construction recorded an increase of 15 workplaces (22.1%).

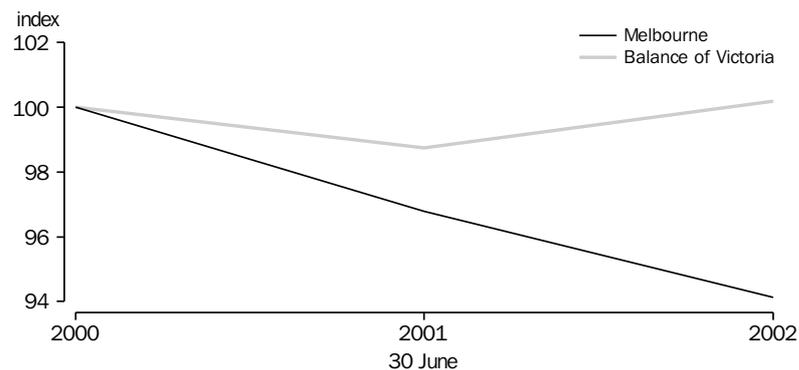
## Analysis by Industry

Across Victoria, the Construction industry saw the largest increase in the number of workplaces in 2001–02, gaining a net 245 workplaces to reach a total of 23,593. This is reflected in the strong growth in housing and new approvals during the same period.

Communication Services experienced the most rapid relative growth of any industry, gaining 5.2% (25 workplaces) over 2001–02, and 15.2% (64 workplaces) over the preceding 12 months.

Manufacturing workplace numbers grew strongly outside Melbourne (at a rate of 1.4%), compared with a growth rate of –2.7% in Melbourne, over 2001–02.

VWA WORKPLACES, Number — Manufacturing: Index values(a)



(a) Base is 100 at 30 June 2000.

In summary, the number of workplaces in Victoria declined gradually from 2000 to 2002. The decline was not uniform across the state, with Melbourne experiencing a decline in workplace numbers (all industries) and Regional Victoria experiencing overall growth in workplace numbers (all industries). The study has shown there is a wide variation in growth patterns between LGAs and between different industries. The Construction industry experienced the most rapid growth although the number of Manufacturing and Wholesale Trade workplaces decreased significantly in both years.

## VALIDATION OF RESULTS

The estimates have been compared against the ABS Business Register, the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) Australian Business Register (ABR), and experimental regional estimates produced from ATO sources. There are differences between the estimates from these different sources, but they are consistent with known differences in scope, coverage and concepts. There may be other quality problems with the VWA data which are not revealed by these comparisons, so the estimates will need to be verified against other sources and expert knowledge.

## CONCLUDING COMMENTS

The main interest of the Victorian government in these estimates is to obtain more information about regional economies and the changes occurring in them. To this end, the growth recorded by the WorkCover data is of most interest. Because of the lack of other readily accessible data sources for measuring growth in regional business numbers, it is hard to validate the growth measures produced here against other data. However ATO business income tax and ABR data provide some reassurance that the growth estimates obtained from the WorkCover data are realistic.

One of the main attractions of using WorkCover data is the possibility of obtaining very detailed regional data, down to LGA level. The LGA estimates which have been produced show a high level of variation across LGAs and time periods. This does not appear to be due to any artefacts of the methodology employed, although this possibility should be further investigated.

Other possible sources of this variation are VWA processes (such as industry coding and timing of processing), and real-world variation in workplace behaviour in LGAs. By publishing selected estimates here, flagging their experimental status, the ABS is making them available to users to assess against their real-world knowledge, so that the quality of the estimates may be better understood.



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	Period	Vic. as a proportion of Aust.	% change from the same period in the previous year					
			Vic.	NSW	Qld	SA	WA	Aust.
State final demand (trend, chain volume measure)	Jun qtr 03	24.7	<b>3.3</b>	4.7	5.6	6.5	8.2	5.0
Population								
Total population	Mar qtr 03	24.8	<b>1.4</b>	0.9	2.4	0.6	1.5	1.3
Natural increase(a)	Mar qtr 03	..	<b>0.6</b>	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.7	0.6
Net overseas migration(a)	Mar qtr 03	..	<b>0.8</b>	0.8	0.7	0.4	1.0	0.8
Net interstate migration(a)	Mar qtr 03	..	<b>0.1</b>	-0.5	1.0	-0.1	-0.2	..
Labour								
Number employed (trend)	Aug 03	25.1	<b>1.1</b>	1.2	3.1	3.9	1.5	1.7
Unemployment rate (trend)(b)	Aug 03	..	—	—	-0.5	-0.5	-0.1	-0.2
Participation rate (trend)(b)	Aug 03	..	<b>-0.4</b>	0.1	-0.3	1.4	-0.3	—
Working days lost for 12 months ended	Jun 03	38.3	<b>-27.1</b>	-47.1	14.1	-54.5	7.2	-25.7
Job vacancies (original)	Aug 03	26.9	<b>-1.8</b>	4.0	9.0	-17.8	-9.8	-0.7
Average weekly FT adult total earnings (trend)	May 03	..	<b>5.3</b>	6.6	4.7	6.1	4.1	5.7
Wage cost index (total hourly rates of pay excluding bonuses)	Jun qtr 03	..	<b>3.4</b>	3.9	3.3	3.9	3.5	3.6
Prices(c)								
Consumer price index	Jun qtr 03	..	<b>2.9</b>	2.4	2.7	3.7	2.1	2.7
Price index of materials used in house building	Jun qtr 03	..	<b>2.5</b>	4.1	4.3	2.8	2.5	3.4
Price index of materials used in building other than house building	Jun qtr 03	..	<b>4.6</b>	4.4	5.1	3.6	4.4	4.5
Established house price index	Jun qtr 03	..	<b>10.0</b>	20.6	26.3	24.7	15.8	18.1
Finance								
Actual Capital expenditure (current prices — trend)	Jun qtr 03	24.6	<b>4.9</b>	6.3	14.7	25.9	28.7	11.1
Commercial finance commitments	Jul 03	25.2	<b>14.4</b>	-8.3	9.8	9.7	30.7	2.5
Lease finance commitments	Jul 03	22.1	<b>-1.7</b>	9.8	19.1	9.2	-1.3	4.0
Personal finance commitments	Jul 03	23.9	<b>8.4</b>	30.2	35.5	20.9	7.7	21.8
Secured housing finance commitments (trend)	Jul 03	22.2	<b>4.8</b>	3.5	20.6	11.5	16.4	9.8
Building								
Dwelling units approved (trend)	Aug 03	26.2	<b>-12.2</b>	-7.2	7.9	-4.3	4.4	-4.2
Value of residential building approved (trend)	Aug 03	28.1	<b>-8.1</b>	4.0	21.1	10.8	15.5	3.3
Total value of building approved (trend)	Aug 03	31.0	<b>3.7</b>	11.8	9.9	13.3	6.1	6.2
Value of building commenced (chain volume measure)	Mar qtr 03	31.3	<b>-0.2</b>	7.9	-10.7	9.5	36.8	4.5
Value of building work done (seas. adj., chain volume measure)	Mar qtr 03	29.8	<b>16.9</b>	17.4	5.7	13.5	20.8	16.0
Consumer spending								
New motor vehicle sales (trend)	Aug 03	26.4	<b>10.8</b>	11.9	17.0	18.5	19.6	13.7
Retail turnover (trend)	Aug 03	23.6	<b>5.8</b>	4.9	9.6	3.2	7.4	6.3
Takings from tourist accommodation(d)	Mar qtr 03	19.1	<b>3.3</b>	-0.2	3.3	1.5	7.4	2.5
International merchandise trade								
Imports	Aug 03	29.9	<b>-6.8</b>	-3.5	3.4	-10.1	-3.0	-4.5
Exports	Aug 03	15.1	<b>-10.3</b>	-19.3	-15.8	-24.2	3.1	-11.0

(a) Percentage change figures for components of population increase indicate the contribution of each component to the total population increase.

(b) Percentage change columns indicate the difference between the percentage rate for the reference period, and the percentage rate for the same period in the previous year.

(c) Data relates to capital cities.

(d) June 2003 data not yet available.

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## STATE FINAL DEMAND — ORIGINAL

	Sep qtr 2001	Dec qtr 2001	Mar qtr 2002	Jun qtr 2002	Sep qtr 2002	Dec qtr 2002	Mar qtr 2003	Jun qtr 2003
CURRENT PRICES (\$m)								
Final consumption expenditure								
General government	r 6 996	r 7 261	r 7 137	r 7 688	r 7 289	r 7 698	r 7 536	7 938
Households	26 511	r 28 337	26 177	r 27 656	r 28 348	r 30 098	r 27 657	29 096
Gross fixed capital formation								
Private								
Dwellings	2 726	2 855	2 734	3 310	3 271	r 3 269	r 3 135	3 287
Other buildings and structures	1 325	1 400	1 315	1 579	r 1 980	r 1 802	r 1 728	1 818
Machinery and equipment	2 765	3 310	2 659	3 261	r 3 069	r 3 636	r 2 930	3 204
Livestock	135	135	135	135	110	110	110	110
Intangible fixed assets	r 763	763	712	r 730	r 778	r 795	r 772	732
Ownership transfer costs	697	734	768	764	r 868	r 868	816	820
Total private	8 410	9 196	8 322	9 780	r 10 075	r 10 481	r 9 491	9 972
Public	r 1 143	r 1 416	r 1 281	r 1 588	r 1 107	r 1 508	r 1 436	1 958
<b>State final demand</b>	<b>r 43 060</b>	<b>r 46 211</b>	<b>r 42 917</b>	<b>r 46 711</b>	<b>r 46 818</b>	<b>r 49 785</b>	<b>r 46 119</b>	<b>48 964</b>
International trade—exports of goods	6 187	6 180	6 074	5 928	5 643	r 5 824	r 4 745	4 506
International trade—imports of goods	9 350	9 725	9 069	9 413	10 483	r 11 117	r 10 453	10 080
Compensation of employees(a)	21 250	22 040	21 132	21 934	22 437	r 23 961	r 22 666	23 526
CHAIN VOLUME MEASURES(b) (\$m)								
Final consumption expenditure								
General government	7 127	7 289	7 226	7 439	7 268	7 528	7 369	7 623
Households	26 735	28 465	26 026	27 455	27 862	29 407	26 685	28 082
Gross fixed capital formation								
Private								
Dwellings	2 773	2 861	2 717	3 273	3 217	3 200	3 028	3 103
Other buildings and structures	1 333	1 403	1 314	1 569	1 951	1 768	1 684	1 745
Machinery and equipment	2 731	3 285	2 657	3 320	3 179	3 753	3 082	3 461
Livestock	135	135	135	135	97	97	97	97
Intangible fixed assets	746	757	718	747	805	835	820	791
Ownership transfer costs	752	724	734	752	813	859	752	705
Total private	8 455	9 172	8 267	9 814	10 060	10 513	9 462	9 901
Public	1 142	1 413	1 284	1 590	1 131	1 520	1 452	1 971
<b>State final demand</b>	<b>43 467</b>	<b>46 342</b>	<b>42 797</b>	<b>46 293</b>	<b>46 322</b>	<b>48 966</b>	<b>44 968</b>	<b>47 578</b>
International trade—exports of goods	6 091	6 130	6 029	6 119	5 740	5 959	4 847	4 853
International trade—imports of goods	9 167	9 570	9 112	9 708	10 810	11 482	11 003	11 167

(a) Method of calculation changed from March quarter 2002. For more information, see feature article in December quarter 2001 issue of *Australian National Accounts: National Income, Expenditure and Product* (cat. no. 5206.0).

(b) Chain volume estimates have been re-referenced to a new base year, 2001–02. Re-referencing affects the levels of, but not the movements in, chain volume estimates.

Source: *Australian National Accounts: National Income, Expenditure and Product* (cat. no. 5206.0); ABS data available on request, *Australian National Accounts*.

## STATE FINAL DEMAND, CHAIN VOLUME MEASURES(a): SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AND TREND

	Sep qtr	Dec qtr	Mar qtr	Jun qtr	Sep qtr	Dec qtr	Mar qtr	Jun qtr
	2001	2001	2002	2002	2002	2002	2003	2003
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$m)								
Final consumption expenditure								
General government	7 233	7 241	7 254	7 352	7 375	7 482	7 403	7 529
Households	26 733	26 939	27 360	27 650	27 842	27 831	28 075	28 287
Gross fixed capital formation								
Private								
Dwellings	2 770	2 814	2 881	3 158	3 189	3 162	3 204	2 992
Other buildings and structures	1 313	1 352	1 397	1 557	1 922	1 708	1 782	1 735
Machinery and equipment	2 695	3 055	3 017	3 227	3 142	3 479	3 488	3 365
Livestock	135	135	135	135	97	97	97	97
Intangible fixed assets	750	735	731	752	809	810	835	796
Ownership transfer costs	733	728	750	752	792	864	768	704
Total private	8 383	8 816	8 911	9 597	9 951	10 121	10 175	9 690
Public	1 269	1 438	1 309	1 412	1 261	1 566	1 481	1 767
<b>State final demand</b>	<b>43 623</b>	<b>44 434</b>	<b>44 833</b>	<b>46 009</b>	<b>46 428</b>	<b>47 000</b>	<b>47 132</b>	<b>47 273</b>
International trade—exports of goods	6 194	5 792	6 151	6 232	5 836	5 648	4 959	4 955
International trade—imports of goods	8 852	9 167	9 453	10 084	10 435	10 990	11 427	11 609
TREND ESTIMATES(b) (\$m)								
Final consumption expenditure								
General government	7 209	7 244	7 278	7 335	7 393	7 433	7 463	7 488
Households	26 717	27 004	27 339	27 619	27 794	27 915	28 068	28 247
Gross fixed capital formation								
Private								
Dwellings	2 682	2 824	2 962	3 086	3 189	3 189	3 133	3 065
Other buildings and structures	1 317	1 329	1 445	1 615	1 758	1 796	1 767	1 737
Machinery and equipment	2 858	2 938	3 073	3 149	3 210	3 306	3 382	3 418
Livestock	135	137	135	124	108	98	95	97
Intangible fixed assets	745	735	739	760	795	816	819	812
Ownership transfer costs	708	736	744	768	806	811	780	741
Total private	8 442	8 693	9 099	9 510	9 870	10 011	9 975	9 876
Public	1 319	1 366	1 357	1 353	1 371	1 464	1 578	1 665
<b>State final demand</b>	<b>43 693</b>	<b>44 307</b>	<b>45 072</b>	<b>45 815</b>	<b>46 428</b>	<b>46 818</b>	<b>47 082</b>	<b>47 304</b>
International trade—exports of goods	6 018	6 051	6 089	6 109	5 918	5 516	5 152	4 923
International trade—imports of goods	8 901	9 132	9 545	9 971	10 383	10 804	11 234	11 631
TREND ESTIMATES (% CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER)								
Final consumption expenditure								
General government	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.5	0.4	0.3
Households	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.0	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.6
Gross fixed capital formation								
Private								
Dwellings	6.4	5.3	4.9	4.2	3.3	—	-1.8	-2.2
Other buildings and structures	0.5	0.9	8.7	11.8	8.8	2.2	-1.6	-1.7
Machinery and equipment	1.8	2.8	4.6	2.5	1.9	3.0	2.3	1.1
Livestock	-0.4	1.4	-1.7	-8.2	-12.6	-9.5	-2.8	1.9
Intangible fixed assets	-0.4	-1.3	0.5	2.9	4.5	2.6	0.4	-0.9
Ownership transfer costs	6.7	3.9	1.1	3.3	4.9	0.6	-3.8	-5.1
Total private	3.0	3.0	4.7	4.5	3.8	1.4	-0.4	-1.0
Public	3.3	3.6	-0.7	-0.3	1.3	6.8	7.8	5.5
<b>State final demand</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.5</b>
International trade—exports of goods	0.2	0.5	0.6	0.3	-3.1	-6.8	-6.6	-4.5
International trade—imports of goods	0.4	2.6	4.5	4.5	4.1	4.0	4.0	3.5

(a) Reference year for chain volume measures is 2001–02.

(b) Trend estimates for aggregates are derived directly, rather than as the sum of components. As a result, the sum of the trend estimates of individual components of a particular aggregate will not sum to the overall trend estimate of the aggregate.

Source: Australian National Accounts: National Income, Expenditure and Product (cat. no. 5206.0); ABS data available on request, Australian National Accounts.

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### ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION AND COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE(a)(b)

Period	Population at end of period			Components of population change				% change from previous 12 months	
	Males	Females	Persons	Natural increase	Net overseas migration	Net interstate migration	Total increase	Victoria	Australia
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000		
1996-97	2 268.5	2 328.7	4 597.2	28.7	21.1	-6.2	37.0	0.81	1.13
1997-98	2 287.0	2 350.8	4 637.8	27.7	19.3	-0.3	40.6	0.88	1.05
1998-99	2 309.4	2 377.0	4 686.4	27.1	24.7	2.5	48.6	1.05	1.15
1999-2000	2 335.5	2 405.8	4 741.3	27.7	27.0	5.2	54.9	1.17	1.20
2000-01	2 366.3	2 438.4	4 804.7	26.4	35.3	5.2	63.4	1.34	1.36
2001-02	2 401.1	2 471.4	4 872.5	27.3	34.2	6.2	67.8	1.41	1.29
2001									
March	2 361.4	2 432.5	4 793.9	6.8	15.9	2.0	23.8	1.31	1.32
June	2 366.3	2 438.4	4 804.7	6.6	4.3	0.9	10.9	1.34	1.36
September	2 375.0	2 446.5	4 821.5	6.2	8.9	1.6	16.7	1.36	1.36
December	2 382.1	2 454.1	4 836.2	6.4	6.4	1.9	14.7	1.39	1.34
2002									
March	2 395.3	2 465.9	4 861.3	7.6	15.0	2.5	25.1	1.41	1.31
June	2 401.1	2 471.4	4 872.5	7.1	4.0	0.2	11.3	1.41	1.29
September	2 409.1	2 479.1	4 888.2	4.9	10.7	0.1	15.7	1.39	1.29
December	2 416.1	2 486.8	4 902.9	7.0	6.7	1.0	14.7	1.38	1.31
2003									
March	2 430.2	2 499.6	4 929.8	7.8	17.9	1.2	26.8	1.41	1.34

(a) ERP, natural increase, net overseas and net interstate migration data up to June 2001 are final.

(b) All ERP, natural increase, net overseas and net interstate migration data for September Quarter 2001 to March Quarter 2003 are preliminary.

Source: Australian Demographic Statistics (cat. no. 3101.0); ABS data available on request, Australian Demographic Statistics.

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### REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES

Period	Births(b)	Infant deaths(a)(b)	Total deaths(b)	Marriages(c)	Divorces(c)
REGISTRATIONS (no.)					
1998-99	59 374	318	32 298	26 351	12 579
1999-2000	59 733	304	31 992	27 558	12 818
2000-01	58 686	255	32 253	25 728	12 495
2001-02	60 557	295	33 233	25 003	13 851
2001					
June qtr	14 604	69	8 023	5 697	3 423
September qtr	15 550	80	9 325	3 618	3 756
December qtr	15 233	84	8 786	7 574	3 953
2002					
March qtr	14 411	58	6 828	8 194	3 081
June qtr	15 363	73	8 294	5 617	3 061
September qtr	14 474	79	9 583	4 079	3 368
December qtr	16 167	76	9 126	7 162	n.y.a.
2003					
March qtr	14 602	65	6 841	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
RATE PER 1,000 MEAN ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION					
1998-99	12.74	5.36	6.93	5.65	2.70
1999-2000	12.67	5.09	6.79	5.85	2.72
2000-01	12.30	4.35	6.76	5.39	2.62
2001-02	12.52	4.87	6.87	5.17	2.86

(a) Rate for infant deaths is per 1,000 live births, and not per 1,000 mean population.

(b) All births and deaths data for September Quarter 2001 to March Quarter 2003 are preliminary.

(c) Marriages and divorces data from March Quarter 2002 are preliminary.

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

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## CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE(a) — ALL SERIES

Month	Employed		Unemployed '000	Labour force '000	Unemployment rate		Participation rate	
	Full-time '000	Total '000			Victoria %	Australia %	Victoria %	Australia %
ORIGINAL								
2002								
June	1 669.4	2 353.7	150.1	2 503.8	6.0	6.3	63.7	63.8
July	1 687.5	2 355.2	124.1	2 479.3	5.0	5.6	63.0	63.3
August	1 674.5	2 353.7	147.8	2 501.5	5.9	6.0	63.4	63.2
September	1 709.8	2 383.9	151.5	2 535.5	6.0	6.2	64.2	64.2
October	1 683.0	2 360.7	138.7	2 499.3	5.5	5.7	63.2	63.4
November	1 700.2	2 378.0	133.4	2 511.4	5.3	5.8	63.4	63.6
December	1 757.7	2 436.8	145.7	2 582.5	5.6	6.1	65.1	64.9
2003								
January	1 726.6	2 391.5	146.9	2 538.4	5.8	6.5	63.9	64.0
February	1 733.6	2 406.3	145.9	2 552.2	5.7	6.7	64.2	64.6
March	1 696.7	2 402.6	149.0	2 551.6	5.8	6.5	64.1	64.2
April	1 696.8	2 389.0	150.1	2 539.1	5.9	6.2	63.7	63.9
May	1 684.5	2 390.4	149.5	2 539.8	5.9	6.1	63.6	63.9
June	1 667.9	2 391.0	143.2	2 534.3	5.7	5.9	63.4	63.8
July	1 700.7	2 392.5	135.0	2 527.5	5.3	5.6	63.1	63.3
August	1 669.8	2 370.4	135.1	2 505.5	5.4	5.6	62.5	63.0
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED								
2002								
June	1 688.2	2 346.7	156.6	2 503.4	6.3	6.5	63.6	63.8
July	1 681.5	2 346.6	133.6	2 480.2	5.4	6.2	63.0	63.3
August	1 700.9	2 370.1	150.8	2 521.0	6.0	6.2	63.9	63.8
September	1 700.0	2 363.0	144.5	2 507.6	5.8	6.2	63.5	63.6
October	1 681.0	2 355.6	145.6	2 501.2	5.8	6.0	63.2	63.5
November	1 703.9	2 382.3	143.7	2 526.0	5.7	6.1	63.8	63.9
December	1 719.4	2 408.4	145.2	2 553.6	5.7	6.1	64.4	64.1
2003								
January	1 723.4	2 422.7	142.2	2 564.9	5.5	6.1	64.6	64.7
February	1 719.2	2 414.0	131.8	2 545.8	5.2	6.0	64.0	64.4
March	1 700.7	2 402.1	139.4	2 541.5	5.5	6.2	63.8	64.1
April	1 708.0	2 397.1	149.9	2 547.0	5.9	6.1	63.9	64.0
May	1 693.3	2 394.6	151.4	2 546.1	5.9	6.0	63.8	64.0
June	1 686.9	2 383.7	149.5	2 533.3	5.9	6.1	63.4	63.8
July	1 694.9	2 384.0	145.1	2 529.2	5.7	6.2	63.2	63.4
August	1 696.7	2 386.8	138.2	2 525.0	5.5	5.8	63.0	63.5
TREND ESTIMATES								
2002								
June	1 688.2	2 351.7	145.0	2 496.7	5.8	6.3	63.5	63.6
July	1 689.4	2 353.4	145.1	2 498.5	5.8	6.2	63.4	63.5
August	1 691.1	2 357.0	145.6	2 502.6	5.8	6.2	63.5	63.5
September	1 694.5	2 363.9	145.7	2 509.5	5.8	6.2	63.5	63.6
October	1 700.0	2 374.7	144.8	2 519.5	5.7	6.1	63.7	63.7
November	1 706.2	2 387.4	143.3	2 530.7	5.7	6.1	63.9	63.9
December	1 711.8	2 399.3	141.7	2 541.0	5.6	6.1	64.1	64.1
2003								
January	1 714.6	2 407.5	140.8	2 548.3	5.5	6.1	64.2	64.3
February	1 713.8	2 410.3	141.1	2 551.4	5.5	6.1	64.2	64.3
March	1 709.6	2 407.3	142.9	2 550.2	5.6	6.1	64.0	64.2
April	1 703.2	2 400.3	144.9	2 545.3	5.7	6.1	63.8	64.1
May	1 697.7	2 393.5	146.4	2 540.0	5.8	6.1	63.6	63.9
June	1 694.2	2 388.6	146.9	2 535.5	5.8	6.1	63.4	63.7
July	1 692.0	2 384.8	146.4	2 531.3	5.8	6.1	63.2	63.6
August	1 691.1	2 382.7	145.7	2 528.4	5.8	6.0	63.1	63.5

(a) Civilian population aged 15 years and over. From April 2001 the Labour Force Survey was conducted using a redesigned questionnaire containing additional data items and some minor definitional changes. Although the impact on core labour force series has been minor, revisions have been made to estimates previously published to ensure continuity. The revised series were released on 3 May 2001. *Information Paper: Implementing the Redesigned Labour Force Survey Questionnaire* (cat. no. 6295.0) contains further information about the questionnaire changes and the revised series. For details on the content of the redesigned questionnaire, see *Information Paper: Questionnaires Used in the Labour Force Survey* (cat. no. 6232.0).

Source: Labour Force, Australia (cat. no. 6202.0); Labour Force, Selected Summary Tables, Australia (cat. no. 6291.0.40.001).

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## CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE(a), BY REGION

Month	Employed			Unemployed '000	Labour force '000	Unemployment rate %	Participation rate %
	Full-time '000	Part-time '000	Total '000				
MELBOURNE MAJOR STATISTICAL REGION							
2002							
June	1 256.1	493.7	1 749.8	107.8	1 857.7	5.8	64.1
July	1 266.1	480.3	1 746.5	89.1	1 835.6	4.9	63.3
August	1 259.3	496.3	1 755.6	104.7	1 860.2	5.6	64.0
September	1 290.4	482.3	1 772.7	111.8	1 884.5	5.9	64.8
October	1 271.7	491.9	1 763.6	103.1	1 866.7	5.5	64.1
November	1 277.2	495.9	1 773.0	97.2	1 870.3	5.2	64.1
December	1 331.8	488.9	1 820.7	107.0	1 927.7	5.5	66.0
2003							
January	1 302.7	479.3	1 782.0	110.8	1 892.8	5.9	64.7
February	1 305.4	489.7	1 795.1	111.5	1 906.6	5.8	65.0
March	1 271.9	518.4	1 790.3	112.0	1 902.3	5.9	64.8
April	1 274.5	499.9	1 774.4	112.9	1 887.4	6.0	64.2
May	1 259.4	509.9	1 769.3	114.8	1 884.1	6.1	64.0
June	1 251.4	523.1	1 774.5	111.5	1 886.1	5.9	64.0
July	1 284.1	499.3	1 783.5	100.5	1 883.9	5.3	63.8
August	1 262.5	502.7	1 765.2	100.5	1 865.6	5.4	63.1
BARWON-WESTERN DISTRICT STATISTICAL REGION							
2002							
June	117.2	50.1	167.3	9.4	176.7	5.3	61.9
July	117.7	47.7	165.4	10.0	175.4	5.7	62.4
August	114.0	47.3	161.2	9.9	171.1	5.8	60.6
September	116.1	46.6	162.7	10.2	172.9	5.9	60.9
October	114.0	48.4	162.5	9.6	172.0	5.6	61.5
November	120.0	50.6	170.5	10.0	180.5	5.5	61.5
December	117.8	50.6	168.4	11.4	179.8	6.4	62.1
2003							
January	112.6	55.3	167.9	10.0	177.8	5.6	62.8
February	117.5	47.9	165.5	10.7	176.2	6.1	62.5
March	117.9	52.5	170.4	13.8	184.3	7.5	63.7
April	115.4	52.9	168.2	11.6	179.9	6.5	63.0
May	117.8	48.5	166.3	10.7	177.0	6.0	61.6
June	115.5	51.6	167.1	8.8	175.9	5.0	61.7
July	107.0	50.6	157.6	11.0	168.6	6.5	60.1
August	110.7	53.4	164.1	7.2	171.3	4.2	61.3
CENTRAL HIGHLANDS-WIMMERA STATISTICAL REGION							
2002							
June	65.9	34.1	100.0	8.9	108.9	8.2	65.3
July	67.0	30.0	97.0	6.8	103.8	6.6	61.7
August	64.2	31.6	95.8	8.2	104.0	7.9	64.5
September	62.2	31.4	93.6	5.8	99.4	5.9	62.6
October	62.1	32.5	94.7	3.5	98.2	3.6	61.3
November	63.9	25.4	89.2	6.0	95.2	6.3	58.6
December	62.1	27.0	89.1	5.9	95.0	6.2	59.0
2003							
January	58.5	24.9	83.5	7.4	90.9	8.2	57.3
February	56.0	27.8	83.8	5.8	89.6	6.4	57.0
March	60.8	28.6	89.5	5.2	94.7	5.5	60.3
April	58.9	27.6	86.5	5.6	92.1	6.1	59.2
May	58.1	27.2	85.3	5.6	90.9	6.1	58.9
June	59.7	31.0	90.7	4.8	95.5	5.0	60.2
July	61.7	29.9	91.6	5.3	96.9	5.5	60.8
August	59.6	29.5	89.1	6.7	95.8	7.0	59.4

For footnotes see end of table.

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Month	Employed			Unemployed '000	Labour force '000	Unemployment rate %	Participation rate %
	Full-time '000	Part-time '000	Total '000				
LODDON-MALLEE STATISTICAL REGION							
2002							
June	77.8	38.6	116.4	6.7	123.0	5.4	63.6
July	81.0	43.4	124.3	6.2	130.5	4.8	63.8
August	79.5	39.7	119.3	8.2	127.5	6.4	62.9
September	79.7	40.5	120.3	6.7	127.0	5.3	63.0
October	80.5	36.1	116.7	7.1	123.7	5.7	59.1
November	81.7	35.3	117.0	6.5	123.6	5.3	64.8
December	81.1	33.4	114.5	7.6	122.1	6.3	66.3
2003							
January	84.0	31.5	115.4	5.7	121.1	4.7	63.4
February	88.7	31.4	120.0	4.9	125.0	4.0	64.3
March	89.4	33.0	122.4	5.4	127.8	4.2	64.2
April	94.7	40.3	135.0	7.4	142.4	5.2	65.7
May	100.0	41.2	141.2	7.2	148.4	4.9	67.9
June	93.1	38.5	131.6	8.5	140.1	6.1	66.1
July	91.6	37.9	129.4	5.3	134.7	3.9	63.6
August	89.6	40.8	130.4	7.3	137.7	5.3	63.5
GOULBURN-OVENS-MURRAY STATISTICAL REGION							
2002							
June	89.2	42.5	131.7	8.1	139.8	5.8	65.1
July	87.4	42.4	129.8	6.1	135.9	4.5	64.8
August	92.5	40.0	132.5	8.1	140.6	5.7	64.1
September	98.6	44.3	142.9	9.1	151.9	6.0	66.3
October	96.5	40.9	137.4	7.9	145.3	5.4	63.8
November	94.6	39.4	134.0	7.9	141.9	5.6	64.7
December	97.2	46.2	143.3	6.9	150.3	4.6	66.3
2003							
January	99.1	40.6	139.7	7.5	147.2	5.1	64.1
February	104.0	39.2	143.2	6.7	149.9	4.5	65.1
March	90.9	39.9	130.8	5.2	136.0	3.8	64.0
April	89.0	39.3	128.3	4.9	133.2	3.7	64.0
May	82.8	39.1	121.9	3.7	125.6	2.9	61.9
June	81.0	37.8	118.8	3.9	122.7	3.2	58.6
July	87.6	35.6	123.2	7.1	130.3	5.5	60.9
August	82.3	36.0	118.2	5.2	123.4	4.2	58.2
ALL GIPPSLAND STATISTICAL REGION							
2002							
June	63.2	25.4	88.5	9.2	97.7	9.4	55.3
July	68.2	23.9	92.1	5.9	98.1	6.0	56.2
August	65.0	24.3	89.3	8.8	98.1	9.0	56.5
September	62.8	29.1	91.9	7.9	99.7	7.9	59.8
October	58.1	27.8	85.9	7.5	93.4	8.1	56.9
November	62.9	31.3	94.2	5.8	100.0	5.8	56.6
December	67.8	33.0	100.8	6.8	107.6	6.3	59.0
2003							
January	69.8	33.3	103.0	5.5	108.6	5.1	59.6
February	61.9	36.8	98.6	6.3	104.9	6.0	57.6
March	65.8	33.4	99.2	7.4	106.6	6.9	56.2
April	64.3	32.2	96.5	7.6	104.1	7.3	57.3
May	66.6	39.8	106.3	7.6	113.9	6.6	61.3
June	67.1	41.2	108.4	5.7	114.0	5.0	61.7
July	68.7	38.6	107.2	5.8	113.0	5.1	60.9
August	65.1	38.3	103.4	8.2	111.6	7.4	61.1

(a) Civilian population aged 15 years and over. From April 2001 the Labour Force Survey was conducted using a redesigned questionnaire containing additional data items and some minor definitional changes. Although the impact on core labour force series has been minor, revisions have been made to estimates previously published to ensure continuity. The revised series were released on 3 May 2001. *Information Paper: Implementing the Redesigned Labour Force Survey Questionnaire* (cat. no. 6295.0) contains further information about the questionnaire changes and the revised series. For details on the content of the redesigned questionnaire, see *Information Paper: Questionnaires Used in the Labour Force Survey* (cat. no. 6232.0).

Source: *Labour Force, Selected Summary Tables, Australia* (cat. no. 6291.0.40.001).

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## EMPLOYED PERSONS, BY INDUSTRY(a), AUGUST 2003

<i>Industry division</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
	'000	'000	'000
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	55.8	22.9	78.7
Mining	4.9	1.2	6.1
Manufacturing	243.8	96.2	339.9
Electricity, gas and water supply	14.2	6.5	20.7
Construction	165.0	21.2	186.2
Wholesale trade	78.0	34.6	112.6
Retail trade	173.5	182.6	356.1
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	45.2	63.2	108.4
Transport and storage	70.2	20.0	90.3
Communication services	38.7	15.7	54.3
Finance and insurance	43.8	44.1	87.9
Property and business services	167.1	128.3	295.3
Government administration and defence	32.0	38.3	70.2
Education	55.9	122.0	178.0
Health and community services	54.6	175.9	230.5
Cultural and recreational services	35.7	30.2	65.9
Personal and other services	45.1	44.0	89.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 323.4</b>	<b>1 047.0</b>	<b>2 370.4</b>

(a) From April 2001 the Labour Force Survey was conducted using a redesigned questionnaire containing additional items and some minor definitional changes. Revisions have been made to core labour force estimates to ensure continuity. However, counts of employed persons by industry, being non-core data items, have not been revised. Thus data from April 2001 onwards are not strictly comparable with earlier unrevised data. Further information is contained in footnotes to Tables 6 and 7.

Source: ABS data available on request, Labour Force.

Month	Preferred to work more hours					Total part-time workers	Proportion of part-time workers preferring to work more hours
	Preferred not to work more hours	Had actively looked for more hours and were available to work more hours	Wanted to work full-time	All part-time workers who preferred to work more hours			
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%
MALES							
2002							
May	126.2	22.3	18.2	56.6	182.7	31.0	
August	131.3	27.7	20.8	64.2	195.5	32.8	
November	126.0	25.1	21.7	65.8	191.8	34.3	
2003							
February	110.2	31.3	25.3	68.2	178.4	38.2	
May	138.4	26.6	20.3	58.4	196.7	29.7	
August	138.7	25.9	21.2	64.2	202.9	31.6	
FEMALES							
2002							
May	387.3	34.9	20.5	103.1	490.4	21.0	
August	384.3	33.8	20.3	99.4	483.7	20.6	
November	376.3	31.9	21.0	109.8	486.0	22.6	
2003							
February	378.5	42.0	26.2	115.9	494.3	23.4	
May	395.6	39.7	28.2	113.5	509.1	22.3	
August	395.9	31.7	20.4	101.8	497.7	20.5	
PERSONS							
2002							
May	513.5	57.2	38.7	159.6	673.1	23.7	
August	515.6	61.5	41.2	163.6	679.2	24.1	
November	502.3	56.9	42.7	175.6	677.8	25.9	
2003							
February	488.7	73.3	51.5	184.0	672.7	27.4	
May	534.0	66.3	48.5	171.9	705.8	24.3	
August	534.6	57.6	41.6	166.0	700.6	23.7	

(a) Civilian population aged 15 years and over.

Source: ABS data available on request, Labour Force.

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## DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT, BY SEX AND MAJOR STATISTICAL REGION

Month	Melbourne MSR			Balance of Victoria MSR			Victoria		
	Males '000	Females '000	Persons '000	Males '000	Females '000	Persons '000	Males '000	Females '000	Persons '000
NUMBER OF PERSONS UNEMPLOYED FOR UNDER 13 WEEKS									
2002									
June	23.6	23.7	47.4	9.0	8.3	17.3	32.7	32.0	64.7
July	22.9	18.3	41.2	8.1	9.3	17.5	31.0	27.6	58.7
August	31.4	23.1	54.5	9.8	9.0	18.8	41.2	32.1	73.3
September	29.5	24.8	54.3	6.4	10.1	16.5	35.9	34.9	70.8
October	29.9	24.1	53.9	5.8	6.7	12.5	35.6	30.8	66.4
November	25.5	24.5	49.9	6.0	6.1	12.1	31.5	30.6	62.1
December	28.4	26.0	54.4	9.7	6.9	16.6	38.1	32.9	71.0
2003									
January	34.8	24.6	59.4	7.8	9.9	17.7	42.6	34.5	77.1
February	32.7	30.5	63.2	8.6	8.2	16.9	41.3	38.8	80.1
March	32.5	34.3	66.8	9.1	10.4	19.5	41.6	44.7	86.3
April	26.5	29.7	56.2	9.1	7.0	16.1	35.6	36.7	72.3
May	27.9	24.3	52.2	8.8	6.1	14.9	36.7	30.4	67.1
June	23.7	26.8	50.5	7.2	*3.9	11.1	30.9	30.7	61.6
July	21.9	21.4	43.3	7.3	7.9	15.2	29.1	29.4	58.5
August	20.7	22.8	43.5	7.5	9.5	16.9	28.2	32.3	60.5
NUMBER OF PERSONS UNEMPLOYED FOR 13 AND UNDER 52 WEEKS									
2002									
June	20.4	14.2	34.6	7.9	7.2	15.1	28.3	21.4	49.7
July	17.2	9.5	26.7	4.8	4.8	9.6	22.0	14.3	36.2
August	15.9	12.7	28.6	8.5	8.6	17.1	24.4	21.3	45.7
September	19.2	13.4	32.6	6.3	8.0	14.3	25.5	21.4	46.9
October	17.2	10.5	27.7	7.6	6.4	14.0	24.8	16.9	41.7
November	16.7	10.8	27.5	8.8	5.1	13.9	25.5	15.9	41.4
December	17.7	13.0	30.7	7.0	5.0	12.0	24.7	18.0	42.7
2003									
January	17.4	12.4	29.8	7.8	*3.2	11.0	25.2	15.6	40.9
February	16.2	11.3	27.6	7.3	*3.3	10.6	23.5	14.6	38.2
March	13.3	14.2	27.5	4.8	*3.8	8.6	18.1	17.9	36.1
April	21.6	18.2	39.7	7.1	*4.1	11.1	28.6	22.3	50.9
May	22.1	20.5	42.6	7.0	5.3	12.4	29.1	25.8	55.0
June	23.5	17.6	41.1	7.7	4.4	12.0	31.1	22.0	53.1
July	19.4	18.5	37.9	7.9	*3.2	11.1	27.3	21.7	49.0
August	19.7	13.1	32.8	7.3	5.4	12.7	27.0	18.5	45.5

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Month	Melbourne MSR			Balance of Victoria MSR			Victoria		
	Males '000	Females '000	Persons '000	Males '000	Females '000	Persons '000	Males '000	Females '000	Persons '000
NUMBER OF PERSONS UNEMPLOYED FOR 52 WEEKS AND OVER									
2002									
June	15.8	10.1	25.9	7.1	*2.7	9.8	22.9	12.8	35.7
July	13.6	7.6	21.2	5.3	*2.7	8.0	18.9	10.3	29.2
August	16.8	4.8	21.6	4.4	*2.9	7.3	21.2	7.6	28.9
September	18.1	6.8	24.9	6.0	*3.0	8.9	24.0	9.8	33.8
October	15.5	6.0	21.5	6.5	*2.6	9.0	22.0	8.6	30.5
November	13.6	6.2	19.8	5.4	4.7	10.1	19.1	10.9	30.0
December	14.4	7.5	21.8	5.9	*4.3	10.1	20.2	11.8	32.0
2003									
January	13.0	8.5	21.5	5.4	*1.9	7.4	18.4	10.5	28.9
February	14.1	6.6	20.7	5.6	*1.4	6.9	19.7	8.0	27.6
March	10.1	7.6	17.7	6.2	*2.6	8.9	16.4	10.2	26.6
April	11.9	5.1	17.0	7.7	*2.2	9.9	19.6	7.3	26.9
May	12.5	7.5	20.0	*4.3	*3.1	7.4	16.8	10.6	27.4
June	11.3	8.6	20.0	5.0	*3.5	8.5	16.4	12.1	28.5
July	12.7	6.5	19.3	5.1	*3.1	8.2	17.8	9.6	27.5
August	15.5	8.6	24.1	*3.9	*1.2	5.1	19.4	9.8	29.1
TOTAL UNEMPLOYED PERSONS									
2002									
June	59.8	48.0	107.8	24.0	18.2	42.3	83.9	66.2	150.1
July	53.7	35.4	89.1	18.2	16.8	35.0	71.9	52.2	124.1
August	64.1	40.6	104.7	22.8	20.4	43.2	86.8	61.0	147.8
September	66.8	45.0	111.8	18.6	21.1	39.7	85.5	66.1	151.5
October	62.5	40.6	103.1	19.9	15.7	35.5	82.4	56.3	138.7
November	55.8	41.5	97.2	20.2	15.9	36.2	76.0	57.4	133.4
December	60.5	46.5	107.0	22.5	16.2	38.7	83.0	62.7	145.7
2003									
January	65.2	45.6	110.8	21.0	15.1	36.1	86.3	60.6	146.9
February	63.0	48.5	111.5	21.5	12.9	34.4	84.5	61.4	145.9
March	56.0	56.0	112.0	20.2	16.8	36.9	76.2	72.8	149.0
April	60.0	53.0	112.9	23.9	13.3	37.2	83.8	66.3	150.1
May	62.5	52.3	114.8	20.2	14.5	34.7	82.7	66.8	149.5
June	58.5	53.0	111.5	19.9	11.8	31.7	78.4	64.8	143.2
July	54.1	46.5	100.5	20.3	14.2	34.5	74.3	60.7	135.0
August	55.9	44.5	100.5	18.6	16.1	34.7	74.5	60.6	135.1

Source: ABS data available on request, Labour Force.

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## JOB VACANCIES: ORIGINAL

Month	Victoria				Australia
	Job vacancies '000	Sector		Job vacancy rate	Job vacancy rate
		Public	Private		
		'000	'000	%	%
2001					
November	24.7	3.1	21.6	1.21	1.14
2002					
February	28.1	4.0	24.1	1.34	1.17
May	24.9	3.1	21.8	1.19	1.15
August	29.8	3.3	26.5	1.45	1.39
November	22.0	3.0	19.0	1.05	1.20
2003					
February	27.2	3.6	23.6	1.32	1.38
May	22.9	3.2	19.7	1.16	1.25
August	29.3	2.8	26.5	1.43	1.33

Source: Job Vacancies, Australia (cat. no. 6354.0).

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## INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK

Month	Disputes		Employees involved				Working days lost			Rate per thousand employees, 12 months ended
	Commenced in period	Total	Newly involved	Total	Manufacturing	Construction	Education, health, community services	Other industries	Total	
2002										
March	28	38	11.3	12.6	6.2	7.9	1.8	0.6	16.9	64
April	31	36	7.8	8.3	0.7	5.2	0.1	2.2	8.2	66
May	31	38	11.0	12.7	5.7	8.3	—	0.4	14.4	66
June	22	30	2.2	2.7	3.1	1.2	0.1	0.3	4.8	63
July	30	37	4.1	5.3	2.8	4.4	—	0.7	7.9	59
August	17	25	4.1	7.7	1.0	2.9	—	0.8	5.2	55
September	33	36	3.5	4.3	4.0	1.2	0.1	0.5	5.8	56
October	20	25	4.4	6.6	5.3	5.6	—	0.5	11.4	50
November	25	31	3.4	4.1	3.5	3.1	0.2	0.1	6.9	46
December	12	17	2.8	4.0	0.5	1.5	—	2.1	4.2	46
2003										
January	11	14	1.4	2.1	0.4	0.9	—	0.7	2.0	46
February	30	35	4.7	7.5	1.4	3.4	—	1.2	9.5	47
March	18	29	4.6	5.9	2.7	7.2	—	0.1	10.9	44
April	12	19	1.4	4.4	1.8	2.0	—	0.7	4.5	42
May	17	26	4.4	4.8	9.0	2.1	—	0.5	11.7	41
June	17	24	6.2	6.9	11.0	1.7	—	1.0	13.7	45

Source: Industrial Disputes, Australia (cat. no. 6321.0); ABS data available on request, Industrial Disputes.

## AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF EMPLOYEES(a), BY SEX — ALL SERIES

	Males			Females			Persons		
	Full-time 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
ORIGINAL (\$)									
2002									
February	903.00	956.20	823.50	777.90	790.30	532.20	860.00	899.20	682.50
May	915.40	969.10	836.10	794.60	806.30	541.00	874.40	913.80	694.10
August	938.20	985.70	851.90	799.00	811.10	561.50	889.60	924.80	713.10
November	942.70	1 000.20	859.00	796.60	810.80	554.60	890.70	932.80	710.90
2003									
February	954.20	1 002.90	878.00	807.30	823.00	569.60	902.00	939.00	726.60
May	976.00	1 031.10	888.60	835.50	849.70	581.70	926.90	967.70	741.70
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (\$)									
2002									
February	897.50	955.20	819.80	779.60	793.30	532.50	857.00	899.20	679.60
May	916.30	968.10	835.40	795.50	808.00	541.40	875.20	914.00	694.30
August	937.30	986.20	855.00	797.60	809.60	557.60	888.10	923.90	712.60
November	948.90	1 002.30	861.10	795.40	807.70	557.90	895.10	934.00	714.60
2003									
February	948.30	1 001.60	874.10	809.10	826.20	570.30	898.60	938.80	723.60
May	977.10	1 030.20	887.60	836.60	851.60	582.10	927.90	968.00	741.80
TREND ESTIMATES (\$)									
2002									
February	894.90	946.90	815.20	779.70	792.90	534.40	855.70	894.50	680.30
May	917.90	970.50	836.60	791.40	803.70	543.10	874.40	913.20	695.60
August	934.50	986.40	852.20	795.80	808.20	552.40	886.00	924.10	707.60
November	945.60	997.60	863.20	801.10	814.60	561.50	894.80	933.10	717.10
2003									
February	957.40	1 010.50	874.70	812.70	827.70	570.50	906.30	945.90	726.80
May	970.00	1 024.10	886.00	829.10	845.40	579.50	920.30	961.20	737.00
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (FROM FEBRUARY 2003 TO MAY 2003)									
Original	2.3	2.8	1.2	3.5	3.2	2.1	2.8	3.1	2.1
Seasonally Adjusted	3.0	2.9	1.5	3.4	3.1	2.1	3.3	3.1	2.5
Trend	1.3	1.3	1.3	2.0	2.1	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.4
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (FROM MAY 2002 TO MAY 2003)									
Original	6.6	6.4	6.3	5.1	5.4	7.5	6.0	5.9	6.9
Seasonally Adjusted	6.6	6.4	6.2	5.2	5.4	7.5	6.0	5.9	6.8
Trend	8.4	8.2	8.7	6.3	6.6	8.4	7.5	7.5	8.3

(a) Movements in average weekly earnings can be affected by both changes in the level of earnings per employee and changes in the composition of the labour force. For example, changes in the proportions of full-time, part-time, casual and junior employees and variations in the distribution of occupations can affect movements in earnings series. For more information, see paragraphs 17 and 18 of the Explanatory Notes in the source publication.

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

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## WAGE COST INDEXES(a)

Period	Total hourly rates of pay excluding bonuses		Ordinary time hourly rates of pay excluding bonuses	
	Index number	% change from previous period	Index number	% change from previous period
2000-01	110.8	3.4	110.8	3.5
2001-02	114.7	3.5	114.6	3.4
2002-03	118.8	3.6	118.7	3.6
2000				
June	108.3	0.7	108.2	0.7
September	109.4	1.0	109.4	1.1
December	110.4	0.9	110.3	0.8
2001				
March	111.2	0.7	111.2	0.8
June	112.2	0.9	112.1	0.8
September	113.6	1.2	113.5	1.2
December	114.2	0.5	114.2	0.6
2002				
March	115.0	0.7	114.9	0.6
June	116.0	0.9	115.9	0.9
September	117.6	1.4	117.5	1.4
December	118.5	0.8	118.4	0.8
2003				
March	119.2	0.6	119.1	0.6
June	120.0	0.7	119.9	0.7

(a) Base of each index: September quarter 1997 = 100.0.

Source: Wage Cost Index, Australia (cat. no. 6345.0).

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## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX(a), BY GROUP — MELBOURNE

Group	Jun qtr 2002	Sep qtr 2002	Dec qtr 2002	Mar qtr 2003	Jun qtr 2003	% change from Mar qtr 2003 to Jun qtr 2003		% change from Jun qtr 2002 to Jun qtr 2003	
						Melbourne	Weighted average of eight capital cities	Melbourne	Weighted average of eight capital cities
Food	142.6	145.1	146.7	148.9	149.1	0.1	—	4.6	4.4
Alcohol and tobacco	204.1	207.4	208.7	210.8	212.2	0.7	0.6	4.0	3.0
Clothing and footwear	114.2	113.7	114.9	114.5	114.2	-0.3	1.2	—	—
Housing	103.5	104.8	105.0	107.4	108.4	0.9	1.0	4.7	4.1
Household furnishings, supplies and services	121.0	120.6	122.4	120.7	121.7	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.9
Health	186.5	187.0	189.4	196.3	202.3	3.1	3.1	8.5	7.5
Transportation	139.2	138.0	139.9	143.1	139.4	-2.6	-3.0	0.1	0.1
Communication	106.2	107.8	108.3	108.6	108.7	0.1	0.1	2.4	2.4
Recreation	130.7	131.2	131.7	132.1	131.3	-0.6	-0.7	0.5	0.3
Education	197.1	197.6	198.3	207.7	207.6	—	—	5.3	5.0
Miscellaneous	163.1	167.7	168.5	169.1	169.3	0.1	0.2	3.8	3.5
<b>All groups</b>	<b>136.9</b>	<b>137.8</b>	<b>139.0</b>	<b>140.9</b>	<b>140.9</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.7</b>

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

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

## 16

## HOUSE PRICE INDEXES(a) — MELBOURNE AND WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES

Period	Melbourne				Weighted average of eight capital cities			
	Established homes		Project homes		Established homes		Project homes	
	Index number	% change from previous period	Index number	% change from previous period	Index number	% change from previous period	Index number	% change from previous period
2000-01	159.1	10.0	136.9	12.2	152.8	7.4	134.9	11.8
2001-02	193.7	21.7	142.1	3.8	178.0	16.5	138.1	2.4
2002-03	216.4	11.7	147.2	3.6	209.9	17.9	144.1	4.3
2002								
March	191.4	0.8	142.4	-0.1	180.6	3.8	138.5	0.7
June	206.2	7.7	143.4	0.7	189.5	4.9	139.9	1.0
September	207.3	0.5	143.9	0.3	196.7	3.8	141.3	1.0
December	213.6	3.0	144.9	0.7	206.1	4.8	142.5	0.8
2003								
March	217.7	1.9	148.1	2.2	213.1	3.4	144.7	1.5
June	226.9	4.2	151.8	2.5	223.8	5.0	147.9	2.2

(a) Base of each index: 1988-89 = 100.0.

Source: House Price Indexes (cat. no. 6416.0).

## 17

## PRICE INDEXES OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING(a) — MELBOURNE

Group					% change from Mar qtr 2003 to Jun qtr 2003		% change from Jun qtr 2002 to Jun qtr 2003	
	Sep qtr 2002	Dec qtr 2002	Mar qtr 2003	Jun qtr 2003	Melbourne	Weighted average of six state capital cities	Melbourne	Weighted average of six state capital cities
<b>House building (all groups)</b>	<b>127.0</b>	<b>128.1</b>	<b>128.7</b>	<b>129.6</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>3.4</b>
Other than house building								
Structural timber	124.7	124.1	124.9	124.4	-0.4	0.1	-0.2	0.5
Clay bricks	131.2	134.8	134.4	134.8	0.3	0.6	2.7	5.4
Ready mixed concrete	119.5	126.0	127.3	132.7	4.2	3.5	15.8	11.7
Precast concrete products	164.6	164.9	168.3	172.0	2.2	1.6	7.7	6.3
Steel decking and cladding	107.1	107.1	112.6	113.8	1.1	0.6	9.2	7.2
Structural steel	106.1	107.1	107.5	107.5	—	0.3	2.6	7.2
Reinforcing steel bar, mesh, etc.	90.5	91.9	93.6	97.7	4.4	4.4	8.8	6.0
Aluminium windows	117.9	117.9	123.5	125.2	1.4	1.1	7.0	3.5
Fabricated steel products	129.2	131.4	133.5	133.6	0.1	0.3	3.8	4.1
Builders' hardware	138.0	138.0	139.9	140.2	0.2	0.6	2.9	3.6
Sand and aggregate	128.7	141.7	146.1	146.1	—	2.0	13.5	9.1
Carpet	106.7	109.6	110.9	112.8	1.7	0.8	13.9	8.8
Paint and other coatings	193.1	193.1	193.1	196.4	1.7	1.8	9.4	9.7
Non-ferrous pipes and fittings	135.5	135.5	135.5	135.5	—	—	—	0.5
All plumbing materials	135.3	135.9	135.7	137.5	1.3	1.4	1.1	2.6
All groups excluding electrical materials and mechanical services	120.8	122.3	124.3	126.0	1.4	1.4	5.8	5.4
All electrical materials	117.8	116.5	118.0	119.7	1.4	1.4	1.6	3.0
All mechanical services	124.2	124.6	124.6	124.7	0.1	0.5	0.9	1.2
<b>All groups</b>	<b>120.8</b>	<b>121.8</b>	<b>123.4</b>	<b>124.8</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>4.5</b>

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

Source: Producer Price Indexes, Australia (cat. no. 6427.0); ABS data available on request, Producer Price Indexes.

<i>Manufacturing subdivision or group</i>	<i>Mar qtr 2002</i>	<i>Jun qtr 2002</i>	<i>Sep qtr 2002</i>	<i>Dec qtr 2002</i>	<i>Mar qtr 2003</i>	<i>Jun qtr 2003</i>	<i>% change from Mar qtr 2003 to Jun qtr 2003</i>	<i>% change from Jun qtr 2002 to Jun qtr 2003</i>
Food, beverages and tobacco	139.9	136.7	128.6	135.8	140.2	139.5	-0.5	2.0
Textiles, clothing, footwear & leather								
Textiles and textile products	108.8	109.3	109.1	112.1	111.8	108.2	-3.2	-1.0
Knitting mills and clothing	109.1	107.6	108.2	108.3	107.7	106.2	-1.4	-1.3
Footwear	129.3	131.9	130.3	130.1	130.8	131.1	0.2	-0.6
Leather and leather products	98.7	103.0	99.7	103.9	99.2	98.2	-1.0	-4.7
Wood & paper products								
Sawmilling and timber products	135.7	135.2	131.5	130.1	129.9	128.3	-1.2	-5.1
Paper and paper products	109.4	107.8	106.4	104.5	102.9	105.5	2.5	-2.1
Printing and publishing	120.1	119.8	118.8	116.9	116.9	115.1	-1.5	-3.9
Petroleum, coal, chemical & assoc. products								
Petroleum and coal products	156.8	180.4	189.0	184.5	207.9	171.9	-17.3	-4.7
Chemicals	120.0	118.4	119.3	118.6	117.9	117.3	-0.5	-0.9
Rubber and plastics	120.5	118.3	122.3	123.4	122.8	125.6	2.3	6.2
Non-metallic mineral products	117.5	119.4	119.8	122.7	123.2	126.7	2.8	6.1
Metal products								
Basic metal products	106.4	106.4	105.8	104.8	106.0	101.8	-4.0	-4.3
Fabricated metal products	110.7	109.9	110.4	110.5	112.0	111.1	-0.8	1.1
Machinery and equipment								
Transport equipment and parts	124.5	124.2	124.9	125.4	125.3	123.5	-1.4	-0.6
Electronic equipment & other machinery	107.1	106.9	107.5	107.4	107.9	107.1	-0.7	0.2
Other manufacturing	123.5	123.3	124.3	124.2	124.3	123.1	-1.0	-0.2
<b>All manufacturing</b>	<b>130.6</b>	<b>132.6</b>	<b>130.6</b>	<b>131.3</b>	<b>135.8</b>	<b>129.9</b>	<b>-4.3</b>	<b>-2.0</b>

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

Source: *Producer Price Indexes, Australia (cat. no. 6427.0)*.

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## PRICE INDEXES OF ARTICLES PRODUCED BY MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY(a) — AUSTRALIA

<i>Manufacturing subdivision or group</i>	<i>Mar qtr 2002</i>	<i>Jun qtr 2002</i>	<i>Sep qtr 2002</i>	<i>Dec qtr 2002</i>	<i>Mar qtr 2003</i>	<i>Jun qtr 2003</i>	<i>% change from Mar qtr 2003 to Jun qtr 2003</i>	<i>% change from Jun qtr 2002 to Jun qtr 2003</i>
Food, beverages and tobacco	141.8	139.4	138.2	139.5	141.3	140.6	-0.5	0.9
Textiles, clothing, footwear & leather								
Textiles and textile products	112.8	114.9	115.0	123.4	124.1	118.5	-4.5	3.1
Knitting mills, clothing, footwear and leather	122.6	122.8	124.2	124.8	124.5	125.5	0.8	2.2
Wood & paper products								
Log sawmilling and other wood products	133.7	133.4	133.9	134.0	134.9	137.4	1.9	3.0
Paper and paper products	115.3	117.0	117.6	119.5	117.0	117.6	0.5	0.5
Printing, publishing and recorded media	155.3	155.7	156.1	154.6	155.7	154.2	-1.0	-1.0
Petroleum, coal, chemical & assoc. products								
Petroleum and coal products	144.8	163.5	161.9	173.2	189.4	165.8	-12.5	1.4
Chemicals	113.2	113.3	114.7	115.1	115.0	115.7	0.6	2.1
Rubber and plastics	124.5	124.3	125.3	125.4	122.7	124.7	1.6	0.3
Non-metallic mineral products	117.9	121.6	123.1	125.6	126.7	127.8	0.9	5.1
Metal products								
Basic metal products	107.4	105.7	106.3	106.1	105.4	101.3	-3.9	-4.2
Fabricated metal products	118.4	119.7	120.5	121.8	122.6	123.9	1.1	3.5
Machinery and equipment								
Transport equipment and parts	129.4	128.9	129.0	130.0	129.9	128.7	-0.9	-0.2
Electronic equipment and other machinery	114.2	113.9	114.0	114.0	113.9	113.3	-0.5	-0.5
Other manufacturing	130.1	132.3	128.6	127.9	128.2	126.9	-1.0	-4.1
<b>All manufacturing</b>	<b>128.3</b>	<b>129.3</b>	<b>129.0</b>	<b>130.5</b>	<b>132.1</b>	<b>129.5</b>	<b>-2.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>

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

Source: Producer Price Indexes, Australia (cat. no. 6427.0).

## 20

## EXPORT PRICE INDEXES(a), BY SELECTED COMMODITIES(b) — AUSTRALIA

<i>Period</i>	<i>Live animals, animal products</i>	<i>Vegetable products</i>	<i>Products of chemical or allied industries</i>	<i>Wool and cotton fibres</i>	<i>Gold, diamonds and coin</i>	<i>Motor vehicles, aircraft and vessels</i>	<i>All groups</i>
2000-01	126.4	99.8	120.1	74.3	106.0	127.0	114.8
2001-02	142.0	107.6	113.0	80.0	114.4	131.8	116.7
2002-03	124.5	104.7	99.1	87.9	117.8	126.5	111.7
2000							
June	115.6	88.1	112.4	67.3	100.5	118.4	105.7
September	116.6	90.9	114.9	69.6	102.1	121.0	107.9
December	124.1	98.4	122.5	71.9	107.9	128.0	115.8
2001							
March	127.5	102.9	121.0	74.8	105.9	127.8	115.3
June	137.2	107.1	121.9	80.8	108.1	131.3	120.3
September	140.1	107.2	118.6	79.4	112.6	132.6	119.2
December	146.8	109.5	115.3	75.7	113.1	133.2	117.2
2002							
March	142.8	110.5	111.3	83.0	115.0	131.9	116.4
June	138.2	103.1	106.8	81.9	116.9	129.4	113.8
September	131.3	102.9	105.7	79.8	117.7	129.6	113.6
December	128.3	106.7	100.1	89.5	118.6	129.8	114.0
2003							
March	123.0	109.8	97.5	95.2	122.1	126.2	113.2
June	115.5	99.2	92.9	87.1	112.9	120.5	105.8

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

(b) AHECC Sections are 01, 02, 06, 11, 14 and 17.

Source: International Trade Price Indexes, Australia (cat. no. 6457.0).

## 21

## PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, BY TYPE OF ASSET AND INDUSTRY — ORIGINAL

Period	Selected industries				Type of asset		
	Mining	Manufacturing	Other selected industries	Total	Buildings and structures	Equipment, plant and machinery	All assets
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
2000-01	389	3 400	7 209	10 997	2 385	r 8 613	10 997
2001-02	697	3 280	7 378	r 11 356	1 847	9 508	r 11 356
2002-03	720	3 436	8 732	12 886	2 323	10 563	12 886
2002							
March	147	777	1 631	2 555	392	2 163	2 555
June	207	953	1 940	3 100	501	2 598	3 100
September	208	857	2 079	3 144	592	2 552	3 144
December	202	950	2 499	3 650	624	3 026	3 650
2003							
March	155	r 737	r 2 060	r 2 952	r 531	r 2 421	r 2 952
June	155	892	2 094	3 140	576	2 564	3 140

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

## 22

## PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, BY TYPE OF ASSET — SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AND TREND

Period	Seasonally adjusted				Trend			
	Buildings and structures		Equipment, plant and machinery		Buildings and structures		Equipment, plant and machinery	
	\$m	\$m	\$m	%	\$m	\$m	\$m	%
2000-01	2 380	8 632	11 012	-4.2	2 333	8 589	10 922	-5.1
2001-02	1 844	9 512	11 356	3.1	1 931	9 505	11 436	4.7
2002-03	2 328	10 568	12 896	13.6	2 316	10 398	12 714	11.2
2002								
March	449	2 421	2 870	0.8	462	2 428	2 890	3.6
June	498	2 501	2 999	4.5	508	2 504	3 012	4.2
September	567	2 589	3 156	5.2	549	2 587	3 136	4.1
December	577	2 799	3 376	7.0	584	2 627	3 211	2.4
2003								
March	614	2 703	3 317	-1.7	593	2 614	3 207	-0.1
June	570	2 477	3 047	-8.1	590	2 570	3 160	-1.5

Source: Private New Capital Expenditure and Expected Expenditure, Australia (cat. no. 5625.0).

## 23

### COMMERCIAL FINANCE COMMITMENTS(a)

Period	Fixed loan facilities						Revolving credit facilities	Total commercial finance
	Construction	Purchase of real property	Purchase of motor vehicles	Purchase of other plant & equipment	Other	Total		
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m		
2000-01	1 846.5	7 529.9	1 647.5	1 032.9	12 558.6	24 615.4	19 569.6	44 185.0
2001-02	2 521.0	11 781.5	2 279.4	1 210.7	11 746.2	29 538.9	17 088.8	46 627.7
2002-03	r 4 681.1	13 896.2	r 2 338.1	1 106.2	r 20 671.3	r 42 693.0	r 18 119.2	r 60 812.2
2002								
July	370.4	1 275.6	187.0	155.0	1 704.1	3 692.1	1 875.0	5 567.1
August	266.4	1 158.9	188.1	114.4	1 962.7	3 690.6	1 484.9	5 175.5
September	281.2	1 108.7	206.0	139.1	1 668.4	3 403.5	1 603.7	5 007.1
October	482.1	1 114.6	204.6	93.6	2 842.8	4 737.8	1 605.6	6 343.3
November	678.2	1 084.3	182.3	83.8	1 332.9	3 361.6	1 329.6	4 691.1
December	551.9	1 181.5	186.3	75.0	2 336.5	4 331.2	2 024.1	6 355.2
2003								
January	210.4	915.8	178.1	49.4	1 229.5	2 583.2	1 409.4	3 992.7
February	366.8	1 016.6	188.6	73.9	1 135.2	2 781.0	1 461.6	4 242.6
March	296.2	1 177.8	193.9	86.2	1 803.9	3 558.0	1 208.0	4 766.1
April	147.6	1 075.0	182.1	79.4	1 092.6	2 576.6	1 140.0	3 716.5
May	502.5	1 203.5	214.8	72.8	1 512.7	3 506.3	1 411.8	4 918.1
June	r 527.2	1 583.9	226.5	83.5	r 2 050.1	r 4 471.2	r 1 565.6	r 6 036.7
July	297.2	1 500.1	215.0	89.4	2 393.1	4 494.9	1 874.5	6 369.4

(a) Includes wholesale finance.

Source: ABS data available on request, Commercial Finance.

## 24

### LEASE FINANCE COMMITMENTS(a), BY PURPOSE

Period	Agricultural, Construction & Manufacturing equipment								Total lease finance
	New cars & station wagons(b)	Used cars & station wagons(b)	New trucks	Used trucks	Trailers, buses & other motor vehicles(c)	Office equipment	Other goods(d)		
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	
2000-01	353.3	121.9	53.6	18.8	20.4	136.2	595.1	108.7	1 407.9
2001-02	494.2	179.4	69.0	15.6	39.4	155.2	616.1	86.0	1 654.9
2002-03	r 546.3	r 146.1	r 67.9	12.2	r 22.3	r 118.2	492.4	r 101.1	r 1 526.3
2002									
July	48.4	13.6	6.1	1.1	3.5	12.3	43.1	13.4	141.6
August	43.1	14.4	6.4	1.8	1.6	7.3	62.9	4.0	141.4
September	41.1	13.2	7.0	1.2	2.0	3.8	42.1	5.8	116.2
October	43.6	12.7	3.3	1.0	4.1	6.3	49.0	7.4	127.4
November	41.8	11.5	6.2	0.6	1.6	8.3	36.4	5.3	111.7
December	50.7	13.6	4.8	0.6	2.8	14.0	45.0	8.9	140.4
2003									
January	37.5	10.1	3.2	0.7	1.1	—	35.4	—	107.8
February	41.8	10.0	6.1	0.9	1.1	8.0	35.4	12.9	116.1
March	45.7	9.6	6.2	0.4	2.0	10.2	31.8	13.7	119.7
April	45.3	11.2	3.9	0.9	0.9	10.4	35.7	7.6	115.9
May	r 55.2	r 12.7	9.1	1.1	0.8	11.1	38.2	8.7	136.8
June	r 52.2	r 13.4	r 5.7	1.7	r 0.9	r 26.4	37.5	r 13.3	r 151.2
July	54.0	14.3	5.1	1.2	1.3	6.7	47.2	9.3	139.1

(a) Excludes leveraged leases.

(b) Includes small passenger vehicles.

(c) Includes coaches and other motor vehicles. Excludes other transport equipment.

(d) Includes other transport equipment.

Source: ABS data available on request, Lease Finance.

Period	Fixed loan facilities					Revolving credit facilities				
	Purchase of motor vehicles(a)	Purchase of individual residential blocks of land	Debt consolidation & refinancing	Other	All personal fixed loans	New and increased credit limits	Cancellations and reductions in credit limits	Total used and unused credit limits available at end of period(b)	Credit used at end of period(b)	Total personal finance
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
2000-01	2 588.1	411.0	1 080.9	1 369.2	5 449.3	8 166.8	3 137.3	28 866.6	12 772.6	13 616.0
2001-02	2 614.1	615.5	1 297.6	1 691.9	6 219.1	9 184.7	4 147.1	32 797.5	14 243.1	15 403.8
2002-03	2 570.2	932.9	1 724.8	1 884.0	7 111.9	r 10 098.7	r 3 933.4	r 40 283.4	r 17 806.0	r 17 210.6
2002										
July	236.1	59.7	144.1	156.7	596.4	955.0	511.0	32 494.6	14 421.1	1 551.4
August	213.3	58.7	141.2	158.3	571.5	949.1	494.0	32 861.8	14 504.1	1 520.5
September	205.4	55.0	135.5	144.6	540.5	758.8	247.2	33 439.1	14 782.5	1 299.3
October	219.8	66.1	153.8	158.1	597.8	852.6	295.0	34 133.3	15 043.2	1 450.4
November	205.4	58.3	133.9	146.9	544.5	863.2	274.1	35 322.1	15 554.0	1 407.7
December	220.8	65.7	137.5	164.5	588.5	828.1	254.4	35 948.9	16 035.2	1 416.5
2003										
January	211.0	73.3	129.7	140.0	553.9	744.7	300.7	36 393.4	16 388.6	1 298.7
February	224.4	84.7	148.9	159.0	616.9	716.0	264.0	36 844.7	16 629.8	1 332.9
March	206.5	100.6	143.0	159.7	609.8	812.9	314.7	37 340.1	16 776.6	1 422.7
April	185.0	95.7	149.0	151.5	581.2	749.0	245.9	39 099.8	17 254.8	1 330.2
May	224.2	106.7	146.4	175.1	652.4	897.0	363.2	39 481.0	17 311.9	1 549.4
June	218.3	108.6	161.9	169.7	658.5	r 972.3	r 369.2	r 40 283.4	r 17 806.0	r 1 630.8
July	225.5	125.3	171.9	165.8	688.6	992.8	319.1	40 606.7	18 106.2	1 681.4

(a) Includes motor cycles.

(b) This data item is a STOCK (i.e. balance at end of month) item. Users of the data should exercise care to ensure that this item is not aggregated.

Source: ABS data available on request, Personal Finance.

Period	Original series		Seasonally adjusted		Trend estimates	
	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m
VALUE						
2000-01	126 452	16 667	126 754	16 703	126 759	16 739
2001-02	146 326	22 309	146 995	22 442	145 295	21 982
2002-03	145 439	24 463	145 869	24 490	145 598	24 512
2002						
July	13 151	2 048	12 417	1 934	12 165	1 945
August	12 419	2 002	12 239	2 027	12 176	1 972
September	11 431	1 886	12 301	2 001	12 119	1 988
October	12 639	2 051	11 589	1 949	12 039	1 993
November	12 187	2 022	11 806	1 933	11 971	1 991
December	12 052	2 094	12 212	2 070	11 932	1 989
2003						
January	10 752	1 824	12 279	2 069	11 930	1 990
February	10 894	1 820	11 484	1 897	11 984	2 010
March	12 163	2 068	12 335	2 016	12 087	2 053
April	11 804	2 028	11 874	2 123	12 224	2 116
May	13 105	2 316	12 330	2 162	12 396	2 193
June	12 842	2 304	13 003	2 310	12 575	2 273
July	13 668	2 500	12 767	2 445	12 751	2 351
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (FROM PREVIOUS MONTH)						
2002						
July	11.6	11.5	2.4	0.5	0.7	1.9
August	-5.6	-2.2	-1.4	4.8	0.1	1.4
September	-8.0	-5.8	0.5	-1.3	-0.5	0.8
October	10.6	8.7	-5.8	-2.6	-0.7	0.2
November	-3.6	-1.4	1.9	-0.8	-0.6	-0.1
December	-1.1	3.5	3.4	7.1	-0.3	-0.1
2003						
January	-10.8	-12.9	0.5	—	—	0.1
February	1.3	-0.2	-6.5	-8.3	0.5	1.0
March	11.6	13.7	7.4	6.2	0.9	2.2
April	-3.0	-2.0	-3.7	5.3	1.1	3.1
May	11.0	14.2	3.8	1.8	1.4	3.6
June	-2.0	-0.5	5.5	6.8	1.4	3.6
July	6.4	8.5	-1.8	5.9	1.4	3.4

(a) For owner occupation. Excludes alterations and additions. Includes refinancing.

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

Period	First home buyers				Other home buyers			
	Number of dwellings financed	Number as proportion of all dwellings financed	Value of commitments	Average borrowing size	Number of dwellings financed	Number as proportion of all dwellings financed	Value of commitments	Average borrowing size
	no.	%	\$m	\$'000	no.	%	\$m	\$'000
2000-01	30 479	24.1	3 742.1	122.7	95 973	75.9	12 885.2	134.7
2001-02	34 253	23.4	5 006.9	146.2	112 108	76.6	17 311.8	154.4
2002-03	23 938	16.5	3 973.9	165.6	121 501	83.5	20 491.8	168.7
2002								
July	2 479	18.9	383.5	154.7	10 672	81.1	1 663.8	155.9
August	2 194	17.7	344.2	156.9	10 225	82.3	1 658.5	162.2
September	1 922	16.8	312.7	162.7	9 509	83.2	1 573.7	165.5
October	2 093	16.6	342.4	163.6	10 546	83.4	1 708.5	162.0
November	1 979	16.2	324.6	164.0	10 208	83.8	1 697.6	166.3
December	1 921	15.9	323.9	168.6	10 131	84.1	1 769.9	174.7
2003								
January	1 730	16.1	296.3	171.3	9 022	83.9	1 527.4	169.3
February	1 746	16.0	279.5	160.1	9 148	84.0	1 540.5	168.4
March	1 953	16.1	323.0	165.4	10 210	83.9	1 744.9	170.9
April	1 968	16.7	336.9	171.2	9 836	83.3	1 690.8	171.9
May	2 063	15.7	364.1	176.5	11 042	84.3	1 951.1	176.7
June	r 1 890	r 14.7	r 334.7	r 177.1	r 10 952	r 85.3	r 1 969.2	r 179.8
July	1 995	14.6	368.9	184.9	11 673	85.4	2 131.5	182.6

(a) For owner occupation. Excludes alterations and additions. Includes refinancing.

Source: *Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia (cat. no. 5609.0)*; ABS data available on request, *Housing Finance for Owner Occupation*.

Period	Dwelling units(a)(b)		Total value of all building(c)				
	no.	Change from previous period %	Value of new residential building(a) \$m	Value of residential alterations, additions and conversions(a) \$m	Value of all residential building(a) \$m	\$m	Change from previous period %
ORIGINAL							
2000-01	35 578	-29.0	5 114.8	1 191.0	6 305.7	10 368.6	-4.4
2001-02	49 539	39.2	7 607.6	1 392.2	8 999.7	13 518.5	30.4
2002-03	r 48 113	r -2.9	r 8 372.0	r 1 482.4	r 9 854.5	r 14 896.4	r 10.2
2002							
June	3 993	-10.5	637.4	98.6	735.9	1 043.6	-13.8
July	r 4 179	r 4.7	r 655.3	r 127.3	r 782.7	r 1 074.6	r 3.0
August	r 5 782	38.4	r 1 000.0	r 141.5	r 1 141.5	r 1 524.2	r 41.8
September	r 3 851	-33.4	r 672.7	r 129.7	r 802.4	r 1 207.6	r -20.8
October	r 4 739	r 23.1	r 828.8	r 121.0	r 949.8	r 1 283.3	r 6.3
November	r 3 311	r -30.1	r 619.0	r 114.2	r 733.2	r 1 135.6	r -11.5
December	r 3 527	6.5	r 587.8	r 103.2	r 690.9	r 1 064.4	r -6.3
2003							
January	r 3 226	-8.5	r 570.2	r 90.9	r 661.1	r 1 353.6	27.2
February	r 3 475	r 7.7	r 574.4	r 135.0	r 709.4	r 1 224.0	r -9.6
March	r 3 399	r -2.2	r 567.0	r 116.1	r 683.1	r 1 118.5	r -8.6
April	r 4 561	r 34.2	r 952.8	r 135.9	r 1 088.7	r 1 441.8	r 28.9
May	r 4 041	r -11.4	r 661.3	r 136.0	r 797.4	r 1 274.1	r -11.6
June	r 4 022	r -0.5	r 682.7	r 131.6	r 814.3	r 1 194.7	r -6.2
July	3 912	-2.7	672.1	149.8	821.9	1 097.8	-8.1
August	3 671	-6.2	620.1	134.2	754.3	1 285.6	17.1
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED							
2002							
June	4 254	-2.0	668.1	103.5	771.5	1 175.3	1.4
July	4 399	3.4	675.7	127.6	803.4	1 244.8	5.9
August	5 063	15.1	862.7	127.6	990.3	1 452.2	16.7
September	3 943	-22.1	693.0	125.2	818.2	1 252.8	-13.7
October	4 299	9.0	764.9	101.9	866.9	1 199.5	-4.3
November	3 495	-18.7	646.4	116.9	763.4	1 142.1	-4.8
December	3 641	4.2	605.6	118.8	724.4	1 054.5	-7.7
2003							
January	3 707	1.8	629.9	113.8	743.7	1 606.3	52.3
February	3 474	-6.3	578.1	134.1	712.2	1 063.8	-33.8
March	3 182	-8.4	552.0	117.6	669.7	1 012.6	-4.8
April	4 595	44.4	963.4	138.5	1 101.9	1 398.9	38.1
May	4 003	-12.9	653.5	128.2	781.7	1 195.2	-14.6
June	4 202	5.0	720.8	133.0	853.8	1 366.4	14.3
July	3 917	-6.8	652.0	146.2	798.2	1 262.8	-7.6
August	3 447	-12.0	582.7	130.2	712.9	1 310.6	3.8

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Period	Dwelling units(a)(b)		Total value of all building(c)				
	no.	Change from previous period %	Value of new residential building(a) \$m	Value of residential alterations, additions and conversions(a) \$m	Value of all residential building(a) \$m	Change from previous period %	
TREND ESTIMATES							
2002							
June	4 381	3.6	690.0	116.6	806.6	1 230.6	4.5
July	4 461	1.8	721.0	119.2	840.3	1 271.1	3.3
August	4 425	-0.8	738.7	119.9	858.7	1 283.7	1.0
September	4 290	-3.1	737.4	119.0	856.4	1 265.1	-1.5
October	4 076	-5.0	714.3	117.2	831.5	1 217.2	-3.8
November	3 836	-5.9	676.3	116.1	792.4	1 154.1	-5.2
December	3 632	-5.3	634.5	117.0	751.4	1 091.7	-5.4
2003							
January	3 524	-3.0	605.0	119.3	724.3	1 054.1	-3.4
February	3 545	0.6	598.1	123.2	721.4	1 054.1	—
March	3 652	3.0	610.8	127.2	738.0	1 088.8	3.3
April	3 773	3.3	629.9	130.3	760.3	1 141.4	4.8
May	3 864	2.4	646.1	132.8	778.9	1 199.4	5.1
June	3 907	1.1	654.0	134.9	788.9	1 252.3	4.4
July	3 905	-0.1	654.6	136.4	791.0	1 296.2	3.5
August	3 884	-0.5	652.5	136.8	789.2	1 331.4	2.7

(a) Valued at \$10,000 and over.

(b) Includes all new dwelling units created.

(c) Includes residential building valued at \$10,000 and over and non-residential building valued at \$50,000 and over.

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

Period	Number of new dwelling units(a)(b)				Value of building approvals					
	All new dwelling units				All building					
	Private sector	Public sector		Proportion of state total	New dwelling units(a)	Residential alterations, additions and conversions(a)(c)	Non-residential building(d)		Proportion of state total	
	no.	no.	no.	%	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	%	
MELBOURNE										
2000-01	26 265	374	26 639	77.8	4 118.0	990.6	3 470.7	8 579.3	82.7	
2001-02	35 605	635	36 240	75.0	5 918.6	1 153.8	3 843.3	10 915.7	80.7	
2002-03	r 34 973	r 572	r 35 545	r 75.2	r 6 538.2	r 1 215.1	r 4 251.8	r 12 005.1	r 80.6	
2002										
June	2 933	28	2 961	74.7	495.1	82.2	260.7	838.1	80.3	
July	r 3 069	48	r 3 117	r 76.0	r 505.4	r 108.7	r 210.2	r 824.4	r 76.7	
August	r 4 669	36	r 4 705	r 82.4	846.4	121.3	325.0	1 292.7	r 84.8	
September	r 2 722	56	r 2 778	r 73.3	510.5	105.8	344.8	961.1	r 79.6	
October	r 3 493	70	r 3 563	r 75.8	666.6	97.6	273.9	1 038.1	80.9	
November	r 2 367	17	r 2 384	r 73.4	487.3	r 91.7	r 315.1	r 894.1	78.7	
December	r 2 571	13	r 2 584	r 73.8	452.4	81.2	297.5	831.0	r 78.1	
2003										
January	r 2 438	2	r 2 440	r 76.2	450.4	72.6	656.7	1 179.8	87.2	
February	r 2 316	105	r 2 421	71.2	412.4	112.7	446.3	971.3	r 79.4	
March	r 2 424	34	r 2 458	r 73.7	427.8	93.5	r 362.2	r 883.4	r 79.0	
April	r 3 390	35	r 3 425	77.4	791.4	112.5	r 271.7	r 1 175.6	r 81.5	
May	r 2 638	142	r 2 780	r 70.9	r 473.2	r 111.7	r 415.9	r 1 000.8	r 78.5	
June	r 2 876	14	r 2 890	r 73.5	r 514.4	r 105.8	r 332.4	r 952.6	79.7	
July	2 629	1	2 630	67.7	470.8	119.9	186.8	777.6	70.8	
August	2 588	38	2 626	72.7	463.1	111.4	455.2	1 029.7	80.1	
BALANCE OF VICTORIA										
2000-01	7 551	71	7 622	22.2	996.8	200.4	592.1	1 789.4	17.3	
2001-02	11 824	261	12 085	25.0	1 688.9	238.3	675.6	2 602.8	19.3	
2002-03	r 11 568	153	r 11 721	r 24.8	r 1 833.8	r 267.3	r 790.2	r 2 891.3	r 19.4	
2002										
June	987	17	1 004	25.3	142.3	16.3	47.0	205.6	19.7	
July	r 968	16	r 984	r 24.0	r 149.9	r 18.6	r 81.7	r 250.2	r 23.3	
August	r 1 003	2	r 1 005	r 17.6	r 153.5	r 20.2	r 57.7	r 231.4	r 15.2	
September	r 995	16	r 1 011	r 26.7	r 162.2	r 23.9	r 60.4	r 246.6	r 20.4	
October	r 1 129	9	r 1 138	r 24.2	r 162.2	r 23.4	r 59.6	r 245.2	19.1	
November	r 856	6	r 862	r 26.6	r 131.7	r 22.5	87.3	r 241.5	r 21.3	
December	r 897	18	r 915	r 26.2	r 135.4	r 22.0	75.9	r 233.3	r 21.9	
2003										
January	r 742	21	r 763	r 23.8	r 119.7	r 18.3	35.8	r 173.8	12.8	
February	r 976	5	r 981	28.8	r 162.0	r 22.3	r 68.3	r 252.7	r 20.6	
March	r 867	11	r 878	r 26.3	r 139.2	r 22.6	r 73.2	r 235.1	r 21.0	
April	r 975	27	r 1 002	22.6	r 161.4	r 23.4	r 81.4	r 266.2	r 18.5	
May	r 1 128	12	r 1 140	r 29.1	r 188.1	r 24.3	r 60.8	r 273.3	21.5	
June	r 1 032	10	r 1 042	r 26.5	r 168.3	r 25.8	r 48.0	r 242.1	20.3	
July	1 231	22	1 253	32.3	201.2	29.9	89.1	320.2	29.2	
August	980	4	984	27.3	157.0	22.8	76.2	255.9	19.9	

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Period	Number of new dwelling units(a)(b)				Value of building approvals				
	All new dwelling units				All building				
	Private sector	Public sector		Proportion of state total	New dwelling units(a)	Residential alterations, additions and conversions(a)(c)	Non-residential building(d)		Proportion of state total
no.	no.	no.	%	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	%	
VICTORIA									
2000-01	33 816	445	34 261	100.0	5 114.8	1 191.0	4 062.8	10 368.7	100.0
2001-02	47 429	896	48 325	100.0	7 607.6	1 392.1	4 518.8	13 518.5	100.0
2002-03	r 46 541	725	r 47 266	100.0	r 8 372.0	r 1 482.4	r 5 042.0	r 14 896.4	100.0
2002									
June	3 920	45	3 965	100.0	637.4	98.6	307.7	1 043.6	100.0
July	r 4 037	64	r 4 101	100.0	r 655.3	r 127.3	r 291.9	r 1 074.6	100.0
August	r 5 672	38	r 5 710	100.0	r 1 000.0	r 141.5	r 382.7	r 1 524.2	100.0
September	r 3 717	72	r 3 789	100.0	r 672.7	r 129.7	r 405.2	r 1 207.6	100.0
October	r 4 622	79	r 4 701	100.0	r 828.8	r 121.0	r 333.5	r 1 283.3	100.0
November	r 3 223	23	r 3 246	100.0	r 619.0	r 114.2	r 402.4	r 1 135.6	100.0
December	r 3 468	31	r 3 499	100.0	r 587.8	r 103.2	373.4	r 1 064.4	100.0
2003									
January	r 3 180	23	r 3 203	100.0	r 570.2	r 90.9	692.5	r 1 353.6	100.0
February	r 3 292	110	r 3 402	100.0	r 574.4	r 135.0	r 514.6	r 1 224.0	100.0
March	r 3 291	45	r 3 336	100.0	r 567.0	r 116.1	r 435.4	r 1 118.5	100.0
April	r 4 365	62	r 4 427	100.0	r 952.8	r 135.9	r 353.2	r 1 441.8	100.0
May	r 3 766	154	r 3 920	100.0	r 661.3	r 136.0	r 476.7	r 1 274.1	100.0
June	r 3 908	24	r 3 932	100.0	r 682.7	r 131.6	r 380.4	r 1 194.7	100.0
July	3 860	23	3 883	100.0	672.1	149.8	275.9	1 097.8	100.0
August	3 568	42	3 610	100.0	620.1	134.2	531.3	1 285.6	100.0

(a) Valued at \$10,000 and over.

(b) Excludes dwelling units created as a result of conversions or construction of non-residential buildings.

(c) Includes alterations and additions creating dwellings, alterations and additions not creating dwellings, and conversions.

(d) Valued at \$50,000 and over.

Source: *Building Approvals, Victoria (cat. no. 8731.2)*; ABS data available on request, *Building Approvals collection*.

Local Government Area	June quarter 2003			12 months ending June quarter 2003			
	Number of dwelling units(a)	Number of building jobs	Value of all approvals	Number of dwelling units(a)	Number of building jobs	Value of all approvals	Number of dwelling units per '000 population(b)
	no.	no.	\$m	no.	no.	\$m	
Alpine (S)	29	62	7.3	121	206	32.2	9.2
Ararat (RC)	15	26	7.5	39	81	15.4	3.3
Ballarat (C)	214	316	55.0	847	1 255	213.5	10.0
Banyule (C)	142	243	41.6	468	904	162.6	3.9
Bass Coast (S)	156	211	24.8	644	886	105.7	24.1
Baw Baw (S)	87	138	27.0	329	542	82.7	8.9
Bayside (C)	155	266	76.4	473	981	238.8	5.3
Boroondara (C)	212	389	109.1	734	1 520	419.4	4.6
Brimbank (C)	325	388	80.7	1 175	1 454	324.2	6.8
Buloke (S)	3	10	1.1	10	33	3.0	1.4
Campaspe (S)	56	94	15.6	265	420	65.1	7.2
Cardinia (S)	306	375	60.1	1 203	1 443	212.2	24.7
Casey (C)	980	1 153	183.3	3 692	4 325	753.5	19.3
Central Goldfields (S)	12	20	1.6	52	94	14.4	4.0
Colac-Otway (S)	39	67	9.7	230	305	49.7	10.9
Corangamite (S)	20	37	5.2	69	156	19.3	3.9
Darebin (C)	224	248	50.0	736	1 011	228.0	5.8
Delatite (S)	51	88	10.6	179	291	40.7	8.5
East Gippsland (S)	208	170	39.0	505	630	111.3	12.7
Frankston (C)	314	410	76.3	1 206	1 482	246.9	10.4
Gannawarra (S)	10	16	2.6	37	72	9.8	3.1
Glen Eira (C)	138	253	57.0	813	1 056	268.5	6.6
Glenelg (S)	37	87	10.9	102	254	28.3	5.0
Golden Plains (S)	55	95	11.8	221	347	42.3	14.4
Greater Bendigo (C)	233	332	52.8	889	1 322	212.6	9.7
Greater Dandenong (C)	128	181	72.6	383	670	247.0	3.0
Greater Geelong (C)	505	741	131.9	1 852	2 676	483.5	9.3
Greater Shepparton (C)	101	177	24.9	431	690	110.6	7.3
Hepburn (S)	37	60	7.1	130	229	26.6	8.9
Hindmarsh (S)	—	10	1.3	9	36	4.7	1.4
Hobsons Bay (C)	103	180	38.3	482	740	141.2	5.7
Horsham (RC)	35	59	6.8	129	244	27.8	6.9
Hume (C)	457	581	119.9	1 731	2 148	500.5	12.3
Indigo (S)	28	52	6.6	101	194	25.9	6.8
Kingston (C)	221	341	69.1	872	1 425	295.0	6.4
Knox (C)	138	257	41.2	752	1 315	210.4	5.0
Latrobe (C)	91	176	27.2	316	650	108.4	4.5
Loddon (S)	8	18	3.4	28	68	12.7	3.3
Macedon Ranges (S)	92	144	20.3	398	629	97.7	10.4
Manningham (C)	156	212	61.1	602	761	179.6	5.3
Maribyrnong (C)	115	157	32.7	588	605	159.9	9.5
Maroondah (C)	112	199	33.6	536	904	154.7	5.3
Melbourne (C)	1 063	246	739.8	5 190	1 070	3 124.2	96.2
Melton (S)	528	485	90.2	2 120	2 048	377.6	36.1
Mildura (RC)	99	148	35.8	447	588	104.8	8.9
Mitchell (S)	124	163	23.2	459	570	86.0	15.7
Moira (S)	59	92	13.8	215	344	48.6	8.0
Monash (C)	297	318	96.9	816	1 240	307.8	5.0
Moonee Valley (C)	174	240	62.6	559	939	183.5	5.1
Moorabool (S)	58	100	13.1	227	372	48.7	8.9
Moreland (C)	184	249	39.4	936	1 010	199.2	6.9
Mornington Peninsula (S)	421	691	131.5	1 680	2 732	474.1	12.4
Mount Alexander (S)	42	63	10.1	117	216	26.1	6.8
Moyne (S)	27	53	7.2	95	201	23.8	6.0
Murrindindi (S)	35	54	7.5	134	217	26.8	9.7
Nillumbik (S)	67	132	18.4	243	526	85.1	4.0
Northern Grampians (S)	17	35	4.5	40	114	10.9	3.1
Port Phillip (C)	507	187	126.2	1 789	728	665.7	21.9
Pyrenees (S)	7	22	4.0	31	76	7.8	4.7

For footnotes see end of table.

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<i>Local Government Area</i>	<i>June quarter 2003</i>			<i>12 months ending June quarter 2003</i>			
	<i>Number of dwelling units(a)</i>	<i>Number of building jobs</i>	<i>Value of all approvals</i>	<i>Number of dwelling units(a)</i>	<i>Number of building jobs</i>	<i>Value of all approvals</i>	<i>Number of dwelling units per '000 population(b)</i>
	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>\$m</i>	
Queenscliffe (B)	12	14	3.0	43	61	30.1	13.2
South Gippsland (S)	65	103	11.2	284	443	51.2	10.8
Southern Grampians (S)	21	60	8.8	73	200	24.3	4.3
Stonnington (C)	182	251	145.5	476	984	357.0	5.3
Strathbogie (S)	20	30	3.3	69	123	14.3	7.2
Surf Coast (S)	95	147	37.0	374	555	113.2	17.3
Swan Hill (RC)	20	42	4.5	97	186	22.7	4.5
Towong (S)	13	20	2.5	23	51	4.8	3.7
Wangaratta (RC)	54	78	10.2	162	271	36.3	6.1
Warrnambool (C)	106	101	25.2	301	406	88.8	10.0
Wellington (S)	65	136	20.2	244	515	70.8	5.9
West Wimmera (S)	1	4	0.4	11	23	5.1	2.3
Whitehorse (C)	163	362	121.9	703	1 256	274.0	4.8
Whittlesea (C)	392	423	78.4	1 378	1 457	277.7	11.4
Wodonga (RC)	125	141	23.4	372	508	92.7	11.2
Wyndham (C)	801	845	164.1	2 753	2 955	520.2	29.7
Yarra (C)	257	159	64.3	545	749	216.6	7.8
Yarra Ranges (S)	172	336	47.2	719	1 388	200.4	5.0
Yarriambiack (S)	3	8	0.6	9	30	8.9	1.1
Unincorporated Vic.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>12 624</b>	<b>15 577</b>	<b>3 910.6</b>	<b>48 113</b>	<b>60 206</b>	<b>14 896.4</b>	<b>9.9</b>

(a) Valued at \$10,000 and over. Excludes dwelling units created as a result of conversions or construction of non-residential buildings, but includes alterations and additions to all buildings.

(b) Preliminary Estimated Resident Population as at 30 June 2002.

Source: ABS data available on request, *Building Approvals*.

Period	New residential building			Alterations and additions to residential buildings	Non-residential building		Total building
	Houses	Other residential building	Total		Private sector	Total	
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
WORK COMMENCED — ORIGINAL							
1999–2000	5 378.6	1 850.0	7 215.6	1 478.5	2 547.7	3 388.3	11 986.7
2000–01	3 628.8	1 720.2	5 349.0	1 137.7	3 060.3	3 782.3	10 269.0
2001–02	5 342.9	2 075.6	7 418.4	1 446.4	3 143.1	4 146.5	13 011.4
2001							
December	1 340.4	371.0	1 711.4	324.4	865.0	1 033.3	3 069.2
2002							
March	1 271.0	515.8	1 786.8	361.6	813.7	1 236.2	3 411.7
June	1 425.2	508.1	1 933.3	353.1	902.2	1 131.7	3 418.0
September	1 533.2	773.0	2 306.2	328.1	656.2	941.5	3 575.8
December	1 416.2	552.6	1 968.8	363.2	924.9	1 086.2	3 418.2
2003							
March	1 241.6	568.3	1 809.9	321.0	1 120.5	1 273.8	3 404.6
WORK DONE — ORIGINAL							
1999–2000	5 124.8	1 554.8	6 680.6	1 456.3	2 795.2	3 596.5	11 687.9
2000–01	3 928.1	1 520.9	5 449.3	1 201.2	2 697.2	3 559.6	10 210.2
2001–02	4 770.0	1 758.2	6 528.3	1 408.1	2 944.8	3 850.3	11 786.8
2001							
December	1 134.9	411.8	1 546.7	363.2	736.1	982.3	2 892.3
2002							
March	1 115.4	433.6	1 549.0	317.0	657.5	848.2	2 714.2
June	1 381.5	471.9	1 853.5	384.2	827.6	1 059.9	3 297.6
September	1 477.2	486.2	1 963.4	358.3	931.2	1 280.9	3 602.6
December	1 432.9	480.5	1 913.4	349.0	875.2	1 131.6	3 393.9
2003							
March	1 311.7	496.9	1 808.5	328.9	831.2	1 035.4	3 172.9
WORK DONE — SEASONALLY ADJUSTED(b)							
2001							
December	1 138.4	421.9	1 560.3	339.5	687.6	922.1	2 821.9
2002							
March	1 204.8	469.1	1 673.9	346.4	743.3	947.9	2 968.1
June	1 340.9	457.9	1 798.9	368.8	820.7	1 063.0	3 230.6
September	1 408.3	453.5	1 861.8	367.9	889.8	1 218.6	3 448.2
December	1 452.6	495.4	1 948.0	332.0	827.9	1 072.8	3 352.7
2003							
March	1 418.0	538.8	1 956.7	359.0	939.7	1 155.2	3 470.9

(a) Reference year for chain volume measures is 2000–01. See paragraphs 29 to 31 of the Explanatory Notes in *Building Activity, Victoria* (cat. no. 8752.2).

(b) The seasonally adjusted series has been revised as a result of the annual re-analysis of seasonal factors. See paragraphs 26 to 28 of the Explanatory Notes in *Building Activity, Victoria* (cat. no. 8752.2) Dec. qtr. 2002.

Source: *Building Activity, Victoria* (cat. no. 8752.2).

	Value of building commenced	Value of building under construction at end of quarter	Value of building completed	Value of work yet to be done at end of quarter	Value of work done
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
MELBOURNE					
Houses	1 122.7	3 045.3	1 204.4	1 423.2	1 223.2
Other residential building	624.4	3 783.8	229.8	2 205.7	545.5
<i>Total residential building</i>	<b>1 747.2</b>	<b>6 829.2</b>	<b>1 434.2</b>	<b>3 628.9</b>	<b>1 768.6</b>
Hotels etc	2.6	186.3	31.2	58.5	35.5
Shops	79.6	681.4	265.3	251.8	142.1
Factories, offices and other business premises	345.2	1 856.3	326.8	852.1	430.8
Educational	141.1	621.9	112.9	227.7	116.0
Health	119.4	606.1	116.0	387.7	73.0
Entertainment and recreational	448.0	630.7	25.8	441.4	67.2
Other non-residential building	46.4	131.4	45.8	68.2	38.2
<i>Total non-residential building</i>	<b>1 182.3</b>	<b>4 714.2</b>	<b>923.9</b>	<b>2 287.4</b>	<b>902.8</b>
<b>Total Melbourne</b>	<b>2 929.5</b>	<b>11 543.4</b>	<b>2 358.1</b>	<b>5 916.3</b>	<b>2 671.4</b>
BALANCE OF VICTORIA					
Houses	507.8	1 112.7	387.6	505.6	484.2
Other residential building	24.0	82.9	33.0	40.0	26.1
<i>Total residential building</i>	<b>531.7</b>	<b>1 195.6</b>	<b>420.6</b>	<b>545.6</b>	<b>510.3</b>
Hotels etc	0.9	18.5	1.6	9.9	5.0
Shops	15.5	36.8	36.4	10.2	22.4
Factories, offices and other business premises	45.2	112.9	68.1	36.5	66.2
Educational	36.0	157.9	17.1	83.5	32.2
Health	32.2	161.1	10.1	65.4	24.9
Entertainment and recreational	8.3	29.7	3.8	15.3	6.6
Other non-residential building	21.1	80.4	27.5	34.7	26.1
<i>Total non-residential building</i>	<b>159.2</b>	<b>597.4</b>	<b>164.6</b>	<b>255.5</b>	<b>183.4</b>
<b>Total Balance of Victoria</b>	<b>690.9</b>	<b>1 793.0</b>	<b>585.2</b>	<b>801.2</b>	<b>693.7</b>
VICTORIA					
Houses	1 630.5	4 158.0	1 592.0	1 928.8	1 707.4
Other residential building	648.4	3 866.8	262.8	2 245.7	571.6
<i>Total residential building</i>	<b>2 278.9</b>	<b>8 024.8</b>	<b>1 854.8</b>	<b>4 174.5</b>	<b>2 278.9</b>
Hotels etc	3.5	204.8	32.8	68.4	40.5
Shops	95.1	718.3	301.7	262.0	164.5
Factories, offices and other business premises	390.4	1 969.3	394.9	888.6	497.0
Educational	177.1	779.9	130.0	311.2	148.1
Health	151.6	767.2	126.1	453.1	98.0
Entertainment and recreational	456.4	660.4	29.7	456.7	73.8
Other non-residential building	67.5	211.8	73.2	102.9	64.3
<i>Total non-residential building</i>	<b>1 341.5</b>	<b>5 311.6</b>	<b>1 088.5</b>	<b>2 542.9</b>	<b>1 086.2</b>
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>3 620.4</b>	<b>13 336.4</b>	<b>2 943.2</b>	<b>6 717.4</b>	<b>3 365.1</b>

Source: Building Activity, Victoria, (cat. no. 8752.2); ABS data available on request, Building Activity.

Period	Original series			Seasonally adjusted			Trend estimates			Change from previous period
	Passenger vehicles	Other vehicles	Total vehicles	Passenger vehicles	Other vehicles	Total vehicles	Passenger vehicles	Other vehicles	Total vehicles	
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	%
2000-01	166 500	57 924	224 424	167 408	58 333	225 741	156 500	57 343	213 843	8.7
2001-02	154 868	66 331	221 199	156 055	66 608	222 663	153 585	66 428	220 013	2.9
2002-03	160 635	74 116	234 751	160 952	74 570	235 522	160 867	74 310	235 177	6.9
2002										
June	13 183	7 113	20 296	12 438	6 053	18 491	12 545	6 073	18 618	0.6
July	12 652	6 069	18 721	12 403	6 016	18 419	12 670	6 109	18 779	0.9
August	12 699	6 243	18 942	12 654	6 332	18 986	12 844	6 075	18 919	0.7
September	13 286	5 479	18 765	13 558	6 107	19 665	13 014	5 984	18 998	0.4
October	14 351	5 834	20 185	13 133	5 893	19 026	13 175	5 906	19 081	0.4
November	13 857	5 972	19 829	13 560	5 691	19 251	13 292	5 884	19 176	0.5
December	13 837	5 869	19 706	12 495	5 226	17 721	13 363	5 926	19 289	0.6
2003										
January	11 318	5 172	16 490	14 304	6 760	21 064	13 426	6 035	19 461	0.9
February	12 302	5 850	18 152	13 087	6 285	19 372	13 521	6 212	19 733	1.4
March	14 020	6 388	20 408	13 697	6 386	20 083	13 663	6 401	20 064	1.7
April	12 440	5 928	18 368	13 626	6 069	19 695	13 824	6 537	20 361	1.5
May	13 975	7 078	21 053	14 248	6 858	21 106	13 972	6 607	20 579	1.1
June	15 898	8 234	24 132	14 187	6 947	21 134	14 103	6 634	20 737	0.8
July	14 379	6 869	21 248	14 068	6 798	20 866	14 201	6 618	20 819	0.4
August	13 670	6 129	19 799	14 353	6 116	20 469	14 345	6 616	20 961	0.7

(a) Excludes motorcycles, plant and equipment, and unpowered vehicles.

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

Month	Food retailing \$m	Department stores \$m	Clothing and soft good retailing \$m	Household good retailing \$m	Recreational good retailing \$m	Other retailing \$m	Hospitality and services \$m	Total	
								\$m	%
ORIGINAL									
2002									
June	1 301.6	295.2	233.0	534.3	126.7	284.3	420.0	3 195.2	-4.1
July	1 377.2	261.0	233.4	502.4	145.1	304.7	479.5	3 303.3	3.4
August	1 412.8	246.4	230.6	496.2	154.6	319.8	468.1	3 328.4	0.8
September	1 365.1	247.3	236.2	478.3	138.1	318.1	436.0	3 219.2	-3.3
October	1 460.6	285.3	252.2	514.0	141.3	334.5	419.2	3 407.1	5.8
November	1 483.9	364.2	265.6	536.2	147.2	350.6	434.4	3 582.2	5.1
December	1 625.2	580.8	341.3	674.6	230.2	483.2	500.0	4 435.2	23.8
2003									
January	1 506.9	264.7	209.2	502.8	139.0	310.9	473.7	3 407.3	-23.2
February	1 355.4	219.5	190.8	446.1	120.9	306.1	414.2	3 053.1	-10.4
March	1 465.0	272.5	240.0	486.3	124.5	333.6	469.0	3 390.8	11.1
April	1 440.5	297.0	257.7	473.0	128.0	306.9	443.1	3 346.2	-1.3
May	1 481.6	304.8	263.5	512.7	130.6	337.0	456.0	3 486.0	4.2
June	1 375.4	313.5	246.8	527.2	120.5	311.0	431.2	3 325.7	-4.6
July	1 479.7	282.1	231.4	530.8	122.8	377.2	494.1	3 518.1	5.8
August	1 471.6	264.1	224.4	504.2	125.4	381.6	493.9	3 465.1	-1.5
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED									
2002									
June	1 392.8	318.0	239.4	538.5	141.6	317.6	453.8	3 401.8	1.2
July	1 406.2	276.4	245.4	516.4	152.0	318.8	470.2	3 385.4	-0.5
August	1 405.8	288.2	255.0	514.8	157.9	324.1	457.0	3 402.9	0.5
September	1 431.5	288.9	255.2	504.7	146.1	328.1	451.6	3 406.1	0.1
October	1 435.9	293.1	251.3	505.1	147.4	322.3	420.0	3 375.1	-0.9
November	1 442.9	319.8	250.0	503.2	139.2	332.5	434.8	3 422.5	1.4
December	1 430.3	298.4	239.4	516.7	148.0	324.3	445.0	3 402.1	-0.6
2003									
January	1 443.4	307.9	224.3	504.1	133.1	347.5	467.6	3 427.9	0.8
February	1 461.7	309.2	243.4	501.5	140.0	350.9	450.6	3 457.3	0.9
March	1 459.0	313.7	248.2	523.6	136.6	351.0	458.9	3 491.0	1.0
April	1 491.1	310.7	252.3	510.0	144.6	337.8	453.5	3 500.0	0.3
May	1 492.1	308.5	251.7	527.4	137.8	346.5	463.9	3 527.8	0.8
June	1 473.7	344.2	250.6	529.9	134.5	344.6	457.1	3 534.5	0.2
July	1 504.6	296.5	247.4	541.5	129.4	388.0	484.9	3 592.4	1.6
August	1 490.0	324.8	250.3	528.2	131.6	396.3	484.2	3 605.5	0.4
TREND ESTIMATES									
2002									
June	1 403.3	294.8	244.5	526.3	148.0	321.1	450.9	3 382.0	0.5
July	1 415.2	294.0	248.7	521.6	149.4	322.2	452.4	3 392.5	0.3
August	1 424.8	293.9	251.4	515.7	149.9	323.0	452.8	3 397.3	0.1
September	1 431.4	295.1	251.5	510.1	149.1	324.0	452.7	3 398.0	—
October	1 435.1	297.9	249.0	506.7	146.9	326.5	437.4	3 399.4	—
November	1 437.5	301.8	245.2	505.5	143.9	330.8	439.9	3 404.9	0.2
December	1 441.4	305.1	241.7	505.9	141.3	335.9	444.5	3 416.7	0.4
2003									
January	1 448.1	308.0	240.1	507.5	139.9	339.8	450.0	3 433.8	0.5
February	1 457.4	310.2	241.2	510.1	139.4	342.1	454.4	3 454.6	0.6
March	1 467.5	312.0	244.3	514.1	139.1	344.2	457.3	3 478.4	0.7
April	1 476.9	314.0	247.7	519.0	138.3	347.6	459.6	3 503.2	0.7
May	1 484.4	316.2	250.1	524.2	136.9	353.4	463.1	3 528.3	0.7
June	1 489.8	317.8	251.0	529.0	135.2	361.7	468.1	3 552.5	0.7
July	1 493.6	318.8	251.3	533.0	133.4	371.1	473.5	3 574.8	0.6
August	1 495.8	319.5	250.3	535.7	131.3	380.9	479.6	3 593.2	0.5

(a) Excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.

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

Quarter Ended	Original		Seasonally adjusted		Trend estimates	
	Victoria	Australia	Victoria	Australia	Victoria	Australia
TURNOVER (\$m)						
2002						
March	r 9 329.2	r 39 126.6	9 815.4	41 086.0	9 844.2	41 221.7
June	r 9 676.9	r 40 436.7	10 062.2	42 028.9	9 994.7	41 894.4
September	r 9 743.2	r 41 258.2	10 083.6	42 461.0	10 061.3	42 392.6
December	r 11 252.1	r 47 652.6	10 024.7	42 707.6	10 091.1	42 679.8
2003						
March	r 9 642.1	r 40 588.3	10 144.8	42 733.1	10 157.5	42 968.0
June	9 930.0	41 936.8	10 314.1	43 534.3	10 255.0	43 314.3
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER)						
2002						
March	-13.9	-13.5	2.0	1.4	1.9	1.5
June	3.7	3.3	2.5	2.3	1.5	1.6
September	0.7	2.0	0.2	1.0	0.7	1.2
December	15.5	15.5	-0.6	0.6	0.3	0.7
2003						
March	-14.3	-14.8	1.2	0.1	0.7	0.7
June	3.0	3.3	1.7	1.9	1.0	0.8
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (FROM SAME QUARTER OF PREVIOUS YEAR)						
2002						
March	6.7	4.9	6.7	4.7	7.2	5.2
June	7.2	6.1	7.3	6.2	6.7	5.7
September	6.0	5.6	5.8	5.5	5.8	5.7
December	3.9	3.4	4.2	5.4	4.5	5.1
2003						
March	3.4	3.7	3.4	4.0	3.2	4.2
June	2.6	3.7	2.5	3.6	2.6	3.4

(a) Excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.

(b) Reference year for chain volume measures is 2001-02.

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

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## TOURIST ACCOMMODATION(a)

Quarter ended	Hotels, motels, guest houses and serviced apartments(b)							
	Establishments	Guest rooms	Bed spaces	Persons employed	Room nights occupied	Room occupancy rate	Guest nights occupied	Takings from accommodation
	no.	no.	no.	no.	'000	%	'000	\$m
2001								
June	705	32 295	87 866	22 008	1 619.6	55.1	2 699.3	202.6
September	707	32 274	87 398	22 011	1 649.2	55.5	2 797.1	214.1
December	711	32 548	88 604	21 333	1 757.3	58.7	2 990.0	221.0
2002								
March	711	32 605	88 872	21 099	1 777.1	60.6	3 079.7	230.1
June	712	32 894	89 537	21 208	1 607.4	53.7	2 647.3	193.0
September	715	33 184	90 233	21 465	1 672.6	54.9	2 832.7	211.0
December	714	33 183	90 199	21 208	1 827.8	59.9	3 090.8	232.8
2003								
March	721	33 401	90 134	21 135	1 825.0	60.7	3 117.0	237.6

(a) June 2003 data not yet available.

(b) Comprising establishments with 15 or more rooms or units.

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

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## TOURIST ACCOMMODATION, BY TOURISM REGION, MARCH QUARTER 2003(a)

Tourism region	Hotels, motels and serviced apartments(b)				
	Room occupancy rate	Guest nights	Guest arrivals	Average length of stay	Takings from accommodation
	%	'000	'000	days	\$'000
Melbourne	69.6	2 058.9	857.1	2.4	180 689
Melbourne East	44.7	29.5	15.5	1.9	2 598
Peninsula	51.5	61.8	32.9	1.9	4 521
Geelong	59.7	74.5	36.8	2.0	4 811
Western	66.6	163.1	100.2	1.6	8 815
Western Grampians	43.7	32.0	24.7	1.3	1 678
Central Highlands	44.0	30.6	17.6	1.7	1 172
Ballarat	54.7	87.0	50.7	1.7	4 072
Macedon	26.7	2.7	1.9	1.4	254
Spa Country	52.3	9.5	6.0	1.6	1 078
Bendigo Loddon	51.6	67.2	39.7	1.7	3 421
Wimmera	28.5	5.0	4.0	1.3	193
Mallee	50.0	92.9	58.3	1.6	4 141
Central Murray	49.7	45.0	27.3	1.6	2 153
Goulburn	47.4	53.1	33.7	1.6	2 928
Upper Yarra	25.6	14.1	7.7	1.8	1 105
High Country	26.8	89.9	50.2	1.8	3 938
Murray East	46.8	29.6	19.0	1.6	1 409
Lakes	56.5	56.6	39.0	1.5	2 862
Gippsland	44.6	65.6	39.3	1.7	3 154
Phillip Island	57.8	48.2	22.2	2.2	2 638
<b>Total Victoria</b>	<b>60.7</b>	<b>3 117.0</b>	<b>1 483.8</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>237 630</b>

(a) June 2003 data not yet available.

(b) Comprising establishments with 15 or more rooms or units.

Source: Tourist Accommodation, Small Area Data, Victoria (cat. no. 8635.2.55.001).

Period	Livestock slaughterings					Meat (carcass weight)				
	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pigmeat
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes	tonnes
ORIGINAL										
2000-01	1 523.9	608.9	4 193.3	8 090.0	1 065.6	354 819	11 842	84 016	157 898	78 954
2001-02	1 431.1	597.0	3 819.5	6 997.4	1 042.1	342 898	11 996	74 426	136 324	73 653
2002-03	1 650.4	749.3	3 641.2	6 904.8	1 033.2	370 223	16 007	67 552	130 699	72 105
2002										
June	107.9	61.1	231.6	538.2	78.8	24 868	1 173	4 339	10 781	5 457
July	115.5	76.5	280.3	573.6	95.0	26 629	1 426	5 160	11 159	6 785
August	132.3	185.0	276.1	553.5	82.7	30 360	3 576	5 120	10 169	5 812
September	136.5	151.9	320.3	561.2	80.6	30 621	4 074	5 998	10 516	5 706
October	162.9	84.1	403.2	666.0	92.6	36 355	1 662	7 651	12 176	6 450
November	152.2	31.1	383.0	652.7	81.3	34 316	672	7 278	11 709	5 560
December	120.6	11.9	325.8	572.5	87.3	27 394	256	6 269	11 272	5 951
2003										
January	139.6	11.0	384.6	574.1	83.5	31 936	277	7 114	10 759	5 642
February	136.5	10.8	346.0	554.6	78.1	30 647	244	6 541	10 544	5 401
March	143.7	22.7	279.2	557.1	82.8	32 099	481	5 021	10 702	5 776
April	136.1	41.7	237.9	548.4	86.2	29 821	859	4 216	10 618	6 011
May	145.9	56.0	225.0	573.1	94.3	32 044	1 156	3 940	11 004	6 681
June	128.7	66.6	179.8	518.1	89.0	28 001	1 323	3 244	10 071	6 331
July	127.8	85.7	165.7	515.8	92.5	28 240	1 633	3 080	9 896	6 642
August	110.0	142.5	163.7	441.9	77.5	24 769	2 693	3 188	8 589	5 637
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED										
2002										
June	122.6	51.8	301.3	580.3	81.4	29 207	1 022	5 727	11 440	5 621
July	123.3	47.4	321.5	587.1	92.3	28 055	919	5 833	10 963	6 394
August	136.8	56.7	342.8	577.0	84.1	32 243	1 133	6 252	10 950	5 884
September	152.9	66.7	354.9	590.8	86.1	33 531	1 780	6 525	10 868	5 929
October	142.5	70.2	354.4	573.3	88.1	32 043	1 421	6 459	10 821	6 137
November	144.1	89.6	344.6	600.5	86.8	32 123	1 721	6 282	11 056	6 006
December	127.5	74.0	325.3	576.7	84.2	28 990	1 351	6 192	11 235	5 912
2003										
January	129.9	78.0	321.7	564.8	84.8	29 402	1 472	5 959	10 786	5 820
February	131.7	81.5	293.4	584.3	82.9	29 190	1 479	5 652	11 081	5 827
March	146.0	79.9	259.3	585.4	84.1	32 103	1 527	4 810	11 141	5 931
April	142.2	75.8	257.3	569.9	85.2	31 531	1 555	4 756	11 046	5 924
May	134.9	65.8	233.9	556.7	86.7	30 074	1 347	4 258	10 638	6 062
June	142.7	56.7	217.8	545.7	88.6	31 278	1 177	3 967	10 318	6 201
July	132.6	50.2	190.5	512.7	87.1	29 339	1 005	3 536	9 451	6 107
August	121.2	47.4	215.4	490.2	82.8	28 043	904	4 089	9 592	6 143
TREND ESTIMATES										
2002										
June	127.0	52.7	311.2	580.3	81.7	29 979	1 073	5 877	11 189	5 644
July	132.0	54.7	323.7	583.1	82.8	30 650	1 140	6 011	11 101	5 740
August	137.0	59.1	336.8	584.6	84.5	31 318	1 259	6 178	11 013	5 856
September	140.1	65.1	346.4	584.4	85.8	31 683	1 391	6 327	10 947	5 945
October	140.7	71.5	349.3	583.6	86.2	31 620	1 488	6 399	10 929	5 985
November	139.3	76.9	344.0	582.9	86.0	31 231	1 539	6 353	10 964	5 977
December	137.0	80.4	331.1	582.2	85.3	30 678	1 547	6 169	11 025	5 935
2003										
January	135.4	81.6	313.3	581.5	84.6	30 275	1 532	5 872	11 088	5 896
February	135.8	80.4	292.7	580.1	84.4	30 263	1 510	5 488	11 100	5 884
March	137.6	77.0	271.4	575.6	84.7	30 548	1 479	5 070	11 014	5 912
April	139.0	71.9	251.6	566.7	85.5	30 757	1 419	4 670	10 818	5 972
May	138.5	66.0	234.3	553.7	86.1	30 669	1 324	4 325	10 544	6 039
June	136.3	59.6	219.6	538.2	86.4	30 293	1 207	4 050	10 233	6 096
July	133.3	53.5	207.8	522.2	86.3	29 781	1 087	3 840	9 929	6 141
August	130.0	48.2	200.2	506.4	86.2	29 234	978	3 707	9 635	6 173

Source: ABS data available on request, Livestock Slaughtering Collection.

		Mar qtr	Jun qtr	Sep qtr	Dec qtr	Mar qtr	Jun qtr
	Units	2002	2002	2002	2002	2003	2003
<b>Livestock products</b>							
Milk							
Factory intake	million litres	1 873.1	1 225.5	r 1 666.0	r 2 489.6	r 1 457.7	971.1
Market sales by factories(b)	million litres	111.9	113.9	r 119.5	r 119.1	r 114.0	120.5
Milk products							
Cheese	tonnes	r 93 862	r 59 537	66 242	r 96 549	r 77 855	60 497
Whole milk powder(c)	tonnes	65 778	42 783	48 113	66 882	34 884	19 726
Skim milk/buttermilk powder	tonnes	57 278	r 28 076	r 54 974	r 87 157	r 30 707	23 690
Butter/butteroil	tonnes	r 33 603	r 22 244	30 371	46 410	25 249	15 966
Wool receivals							
Original	tonnes	35 103	24 921	r 36 439	45 632	27 076	19 032
Seasonally adjusted	tonnes	42 761	38 120	r 34 311	31 702	32 584	28 948
Trend(d)	tonnes	r 38 079	r 38 140	r 35 545	r 32 557	r 31 124	30 054
Live sheep exports							
Quantity	number	369 242	448 477	301 684	65 611	124 602	195 991
Gross weight	tonnes	18 333	28 644	14 887	3 547	6 495	9 388
Chickens slaughtered							
Original	'000	27 640.6	29 041.4	28 625.5	30 632.3	29 496.2	29 138.0
Seasonally adjusted	'000	28 131.2	29 182.8	29 196.9	29 215.1	30 125.1	29 270.1
Trend(d)	'000	28 036.4	28 904.0	29 330.1	29 496.6	29 601.7	29 637.9
Chicken meat							
Original	tonnes	45 410	49 116	49 518	54 613	51 239	49 071
Seasonally adjusted	tonnes	46 202	48 788	51 235	52 263	52 187	48 674
Trend(d)	tonnes	46 005	48 799	r 51 191	r 51 889	r 51 317	50 048
<b>Other products</b>							
Electricity(e)	'000 megawatt hours	10 909	11 212	12 436	11 880	r 11 722	11 719
Ready mixed concrete(f)(g)	'000 cubic metres	1 120	1 310	1 392	1 315	1 137	1 289
Hardwood woodchips(f)(h)	tonnes	32 525	39 293	40 155	35 383	31 415	25 969

(a) Quarterly statistics on Victoria's production of gold, oil and gas are available in Australian Mineral Statistics, published by the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics.

(b) Original series.

(c) Data from September quarter 2001 onwards are for Australia. For confidentiality reasons, State data are no longer available. The majority of whole milk powder production occurs in Victoria.

(d) Trend estimates for the most recent quarters are subject to revision when data for the subsequent quarters become available.

(e) Total metered generation of all generators in Victoria.

(f) Compiled from the ABS manufacturing production collection. Excludes details relating to both single establishment manufacturing enterprises with fewer than four persons employed, and establishments predominantly engaged in non-manufacturing activities which may also undertake some limited manufacturing activity. However, the effect of these establishments on production levels and movements is usually marginal.

(g) ANZSCC 375.01.01. Reported production of ready mixed concrete for sale as such. Excludes production used, or for use, in the same business. (An improvement in coverage for Melbourne Statistical Division from June month 2000 contributed approximately a 4% increase in the June month 2000 production level for Victoria).

(h) ANZSCC 312.03.01. Expressed as greenweight; excludes chips which are not sold or are used in own works.

Source: Australian Dairy Corporation; ABS data available on request, Wool Receivals and Purchases; ABS data available on request, Merchandise Exports; ABS data available on request, Poultry and Game Birds Slaughtered; National Electricity Market Management Company; ABS data available on request, Manufacturing Production Survey.

Section and Division of the SITC Rev3	2001-2002		2002-03		Two months ended August 2003	
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
0 Food and live animals chiefly for food(d)(e)	6 445	1 494	4 803	1 713	613	258
1 Beverages and tobacco(d)(e)	291	226	349	250	67	36
2 Crude materials, inedible (except fuels)(d)(e)	2 007	623	1 943	675	227	113
3 Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials(e)	1 122	1 961	929	2 377	150	302
4 Animal and vegetable oils, fats and waxes(d)(e)	106	106	104	127	18	28
5 Chemicals and related products, n.e.c.(d)(e)	1 317	3 930	1 319	4 225	217	681
6 Manufacturing goods classified chiefly by material(d)(e)	2 775	4 877	2 629	5 400	400	892
7 Machinery and transport equipment(d)(e)	3 965	16 173	3 851	18 933	692	3 011
8 Miscellaneous manufactured articles(d)(e)	1 328	6 390	1 285	6 829	192	1 161
9 Commodities and transactions of merchandise trade, n.e.c.(f)						
97 Gold, non-monetary (excluding gold ores and concentrates)	1 498	541	567	110	9	1
98 Combined confidential items of trade	1 116	1 224	890	1 482	86	216
Other Section 9	272	13	239	7	36	2
<b>Total Section 9</b>	<b>2 886</b>	<b>1 778</b>	<b>1 695</b>	<b>1 599</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>219</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>r 22 242</b>	<b>37 558</b>	<b>18 907</b>	<b>42 129</b>	<b>2 707</b>	<b>6 700</b>

(a) Victorian imports are those imported goods released from Customs control within Victoria. Victorian exports are those whose final stage of production or manufacture occurred within Victoria.

(b) Standard International Trade Classification.

(c) Any discrepancies between sums of the component items and totals are due to rounding.

(d) Excludes export commodities subject to a confidentiality restriction. These are included in Section 9.

(e) Excludes imports commodities subject to a confidentiality restriction. These are included in Section 9.

(f) Includes export and import commodities subject to a confidentiality restriction.

Source: ABS data available on request, *Merchandise Exports Collection*; ABS data available on request, *Merchandise Imports Collection*.

Period	Victoria(a)			Australia			Victoria exports as a proportion of Australia	Victoria imports as a proportion of Australia
	Exports \$m	Imports \$m	Excess of exports \$m	Exports (including re-exports) \$m	Imports \$m	Excess of exports \$m	%	%
2000-01	22 506	36 485	-13 978	119 539	118 317	1 222	18.8	30.8
2001-02	22 242	37 558	-15 316	121 108	119 649	1 460	18.4	31.4
2002-03	18 907	42 129	-23 221	115 450	133 128	-17 678	16.4	31.6
2002								
June	1 701	3 042	-1 341	9 807	9 618	189	17.3	31.6
July	1 834	3 560	-1 726	10 122	11 301	-1 180	18.1	31.5
August	1 537	3 490	-1 953	10 278	11 386	-1 108	15.0	30.6
September	1 709	3 433	-1 724	9 916	10 824	-908	17.2	31.7
October	1 939	3 648	-1 709	10 416	11 893	-1 477	18.6	30.7
November	1 611	3 547	-1 936	9 998	11 646	-1 648	16.1	30.5
December	1 725	3 922	-2 197	r 10 406	r 12 129	r -1 723	16.6	32.3
2003								
January	1 218	3 478	-2 260	r 8 927	r 10 900	r -1 973	r 13.6	31.9
February	r 1 512	r 3 390	r -1 878	r 9 056	r 10 226	r -1 170	16.7	33.1
March	r 1 638	3 585	r -1 947	r 9 867	r 10 786	r -920	16.6	r 33.2
April	r 1 382	r 3 589	r -2 207	r 8 688	r 10 945	r -2 258	15.9	32.8
May	r 1 442	r 3 119	r -1 677	r 8 969	r 10 373	r -1 404	r 16.1	r 30.1
June	1 361	3 369	-2 008	8 808	10 717	-1 909	15.5	31.4
July	1 328	3 446	-2 117	8 556	10 614	-2 058	15.5	32.5
August	1 379	3 254	-1 876	9 146	10 878	-1 732	15.1	29.9

(a) Victorian imports are those imported goods released from Customs control within Victoria. Victorian exports are those whose final stage of production or manufacture occurred within Victoria.

Source: *International Trade in Goods and Services* (cat. no. 5368.0); ABS data available on request, *Merchandise Exports Collection*; ABS data available on request, *Merchandise Imports Collection*.

Country	2001-02		2002-03		Two months ending August 2003	
	Exports \$m	Imports \$m	Exports \$m	Imports \$m	Exports \$m	Imports \$m
Belgium-Luxembourg	97	285	61	395	—	—
Brazil	56	144	34	176	6	35
Canada	204	351	234	478	29	96
China	1 559	4 378	1 601	5 083	213	892
Fiji	211	144	186	99	18	13
Finland	10	211	8	225	2	39
France	166	882	126	1 669	19	190
Germany	409	2 761	461	3 342	68	586
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	1 100	435	617	346	76	57
India	257	332	194	384	25	63
Indonesia	486	1 110	350	1 058	86	94
Italy	399	1 112	422	1 382	39	240
Japan	2 093	4 895	1 785	5 215	259	853
Korea, Republic of (South)	1 121	1 053	939	956	155	170
Malaysia	538	1 064	462	1 141	66	178
Mexico	166	110	137	128	17	23
Netherlands	111	386	114	448	12	75
New Zealand	2 058	1 751	2 187	1 866	331	315
Pakistan	71	97	41	95	6	11
Papua New Guinea	133	11	120	10	15	2
Philippines	458	171	345	208	46	38
Saudi Arabia	1 404	188	1 051	133	168	27
Singapore	1 137	825	648	930	64	150
South Africa	228	253	215	327	31	65
Sweden	32	543	43	552	9	95
Switzerland	51	340	50	342	7	49
Taiwan	674	906	696	1 006	95	173
Thailand	603	834	611	982	73	177
United Kingdom	691	1 888	647	1 962	104	298
United States of America	2 151	7 259	1 828	7 616	302	1 075
Other and unknown	3 566	2 840	2 692	3 574	368	619
<b>Total(c)</b>	<b>22 242</b>	<b>37 558</b>	<b>18 907</b>	<b>42 129</b>	<b>2 707</b>	<b>6 700</b>

(a) Victorian imports are those imported goods released from Customs control within Victoria. Victorian exports are those whose final stage of production or manufacture occurred within Victoria.

(b) The list of countries in this table reflects the volume of trade with Victoria.

(c) Any discrepancies between sums of component items and the total are due to rounding.

Source: ABS data available on request, Merchandise Exports Collection; ABS data available on request, Merchandise Imports Collection.

	Proportion of days per quarter with Ozone Pollutant Index(b) at stated level(c)								Proportion of days per quarter with Visibility Pollutant Index(b) at stated level(c)							
	2001				2002				2001				2002			
	Mar	Jun	Sept	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sept	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>West(d)</b>																
Very Good	44	89	88	81	63	90	87	60	64	48	47	79	67	40	60	59
Good	47	11	12	19	32	10	13	37	30	31	34	21	30	41	34	34
Fair	9	—	—	—	4	—	—	3	1	19	14	—	3	15	6	6
Poor	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	6	—	—	3	1	1
Very Poor	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
<b>East(d)</b>																
Very Good	49	93	90	83	67	82	76	46	64	21	24	77	58	26	46	61
Good	44	7	10	17	30	18	24	50	29	44	51	23	41	36	36	35
Fair	7	—	—	—	3	—	—	4	3	20	15	—	1	20	12	3
Poor	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	15	7	—	—	14	6	1
Very Poor	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	4	—	—	3	—	—
<b>City(d)</b>																
Very Good	68	100	100	96	90	99	100	89	62	43	58	88	85	50	75	74
Good	32	—	—	4	9	1	—	11	32	39	28	12	15	33	22	23
Fair	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	16	9	—	—	14	2	2
Poor	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	5	—	—	3	—	1
Very Poor	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Geelong(d)</b>																
Very Good	57	95	99	94	70	84	98	77	74	51	55	94	88	57	72	85
Good	38	6	1	6	27	16	2	23	21	37	35	6	12	28	22	15
Fair	6	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	3	10	9	—	—	15	6	—
Poor	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	—	—	—	—	—
Very Poor	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Latrobe Valley(d)</b>																
Very Good	59	93	87	86	83	85	89	60	47	21	25	85	71	25	25	84
Good	40	7	13	14	17	15	11	40	42	41	58	15	24	35	45	15
Fair	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	30	13	—	2	30	26	1
Poor	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	8	3	—	2	9	3	—
Very Poor	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	1	—

- (a) The EPA reports air quality as an index for any given pollutant as its concentration expressed as a percentage of the relevant standard. It enables easy interpretation of whether the pollutant is at a level which may cause harm. An index value of 100 means the pollutant is currently at a concentration equal to the National Environment Protection Measure (Air NEPM) or State Environment Protection Policy (The Air Environment) (SEPP) standard levels (levels designed to protect human health and the environment). Indexes are calculated separately for each measured pollutant: Ozone, Nitrogen Dioxide, Sulfur Dioxide, Carbon Monoxide, Fine Particulates (PM10), Visibility (Airborne Particle Index). For each station, the daily pollutant indexes are the maximum index values for that day. Note that not all pollutants are measured at each station. The EPA also calculates an overall Air Quality Index, which amalgamates each pollutant index into an overall measure of air quality at each station.
- (b) Data have been provided for the Ozone and Visibility (or Airborne Particle) Indexes as these are the dominant pollutants and are widely measured across the EPA network. It should also be noted that meteorological conditions are a major determinant on the incidence of elevated pollutant levels. Hence significant daily, seasonal and annual variations can be expected in air quality. For more information on Air Quality, see the EPA website, <<http://www.epa.vic.gov.au>>.
- (c) The index is converted into a qualitative scale with 5 commonly understood terms. Very Good (0–33), Good (34–66) and Fair (67–99) represent measurements within the health standards, while Poor (100–149) and Very Poor (150+) represent measurements exceeding the health standards.
- (d) For reporting purposes the Port Phillip Region (PPR) has been divided into 4 regions: East, West, City and Geelong. Air monitoring stations assigned to each region are: East — Alphington, Brighton, Box Hill, Dandenong; City — RMIT, Richmond; West — Footscray, Mount Cottrell, Point Cook, Paisley; Geelong — Point Henry, Geelong South. In addition, the Latrobe Valley has stations at Moe and Traralgon. The regional index is considered to be the maximum of the station indexes calculated within each particular region. The daily index reported for a region is the maximum region index recorded each day.

Source: Environment Protection Authority, Victoria.

Basin	Capacity at full service level ML	Storage levels at end of month (percent of capacity)						Change (percent of capacity) from	
		2002			2003			Aug 2003 to Sept 2003	Sept 2002 to Sept 2003
		July	Aug	Sept	July	Aug	Sept		
Goulburn	3 833 500	27.2	26.3	26.2	19.6	31.3	43.8	12.5	17.6
Broken	405 000	41.8	42.1	41.7	30.2	41.3	49.5	8.2	7.8
Campaspe	387 060	31.6	30.7	29.4	9.9	19.9	25.4	5.5	-4.0
Loddon	284 300	35.2	34.6	35.7	22.0	28.0	32.5	4.5	-3.2
Murray	7 113 210	58.2	55.1	52.3	35.5	41.3	52.6	11.3	0.3
Ovens	37 500	68.7	70.1	91.2	78.8	82.1	77.1	-5.0	-14.1
Werribee	76 020	51.3	51.1	47.5	8.5	10.7	14.6	3.9	-32.9
Maribyrnong	24 900	23.7	23.7	23.1	10.1	10.1	10.8	0.7	-12.3
Glenelg/Wimmera	770 410	13.3	11.5	10.8	8.7	13.4	17.2	3.8	6.4
Thomson/Latrobe	1 466 200	59.4	60.2	61.8	37.1	46.0	50.2	4.2	-11.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>14 398 100</b>	<b>46.0</b>	<b>44.1</b>	<b>42.9</b>	<b>28.8</b>	<b>36.7</b>	<b>46.7</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>3.8</b>
Total Volume of Water									
In Melbourne Water storages(a)	1 772 500	52.5	53.4	54.1	41.8	46.8	51.5	4.7	-2.6
In rural water authority storages(b)	9 773 495	41.0	39.4	38.5	26.2	35.2	45.5	10.3	7.0

(a) The total volume in Melbourne Water storages is calculated as the sum of volumes in store in Thomson, Upper Yarra, O'Shannassy, Maroondah, Sugarloaf, Yan Yean, Greenvale, Silvan and Cardinia (Tarago and Devil Bend are excluded).

(b) The total volume in rural water authority storages is calculated (as an approximation) as the sum of volumes in store for all listed storages, minus the volume in Thomson reservoir, minus half of the volume stored in the Murray Basin.

Source: Department of Sustainability and Environment web site, <<http://www.dse.vic.gov.au/vro>>.

	ISPs(a)	POPs(b)	Access lines(c)	All subscribers(d)	Data downloaded by subscribers(d)(e)	Average number of subscribers per access line(f)	Average data downloaded per subscriber(e)(f)
	no.	no.	no.	'000	million Mbs	no.	Mbs
MARCH QUARTER 2003							
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>241 274</b>	<b>847</b>	<b>1 338</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>633</b>
SEPTEMBER QUARTER 2002							
Melbourne	169	217	146 040	1 021	518	7.0	527
Barwon	31	35	4 896	36	14	7.3	387
Western District	12	17	633	6	n.p.	10.2	n.p.
Central Highlands	25	27	2 365	26	7	11.0	285
Wimmera	3	6	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
Mallee	14	16	1 041	10	4	9.8	348
Loddon	15	22	2 619	24	8	9.3	311
Goulburn	19	30	1 862	17	5	9.3	249
Ovens-Murray	10	10	800	7	2	8.9	263
East Gippsland	6	12	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	—
Gippsland	14	24	2 819	23	8	8.3	354
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>163 855</b>	<b>1 180</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>496</b>
MARCH QUARTER 2002							
Melbourne	179	229	94 419	866	408	9.2	471
Barwon	40	48	4 839	36	13	7.5	344
Western District	14	22	1 433	13	3	9.3	195
Central Highlands	27	29	2 497	25	6	10.0	240
Wimmera	5	8	378	5	n.p.	13.6	n.p.
Mallee	16	18	1 532	14	4	8.9	300
Loddon	18	27	2 289	24	6	10.4	265
Goulburn	20	34	3 348	26	5	7.6	207
Ovens-Murray	12	14	686	7	n.p.	10.3	n.p.
East Gippsland	9	21	821	8	2	9.5	214
Gippsland	16	26	2 302	21	9	9.1	411
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>114 544</b>	<b>1 045</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>438</b>
SEPTEMBER QUARTER 2001							
Melbourne	191	241	119 889	946	303	7.9	320
Barwon	33	38	4 273	37	10	8.8	272
Western District	11	16	1 194	17	3	14.4	176
Central Highlands	26	27	3 152	29	5	9.3	188
Wimmera	5	10	417	5	n.p.	13.2	n.p.
Mallee	14	17	1 932	19	4	9.7	198
Loddon	17	27	2 932	30	6	10.3	207
Goulburn	19	32	3 469	29	5	8.4	165
Ovens-Murray	10	12	666	6	n.p.	9.0	n.p.
East Gippsland	7	16	617	10	3	16.0	265
Gippsland	17	29	2 772	31	6	11.1	206
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>141 313</b>	<b>1 160</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>299</b>

(a) An Internet Service Provider (ISP) is a resident Australian individual or business offering Internet access services to customers. ISPs are counted in each Statistical Division (SD) where that ISP has a presence. Counts of ISPs reflect only those businesses operating at the end of the reference quarter.

(b) A Point of Presence (POP) is a server in a geographic location where an ISP can be accessed by a subscriber via access lines. Estimates for data at the State/Territory and Statistical Division levels are derived from data provided for POPs (Point of Presence or servers). Recently changing access technologies, infrastructure and operational arrangements have been impacting on the quality of data at the POP level. As a result, data at the Statistical Division level cannot be adequately quality assured and could present misleading indicators of regional activity and usage. However data at Statistical Division level are available on request from Peter Hodgson, telephone 1800 136 387 during business hours or via email on peter.hodgson@abs.gov.au.

(c) Lines, points, ports and modem access points available to subscribers to access their ISP.

(d) Subscribers and data downloaded have been apportioned to a SD according to the location of the POP where the activity took place.

(e) A megabyte (Mb) is a data unit of 1,048,576 bytes, sometimes interpreted as 1 million bytes. Volume of data downloaded figures relate to data downloaded during the three months of the reference quarter.

(f) Prior to March 2002, average data downloaded by Internet subscribers was calculated from the number of subscribers at the end of the reference period and the data downloaded over the three months of the reference period. In the current issue, this figure has instead been calculated from an estimate of the number of subscribers at the mid point of the reference period. Average figures are calculated using actual data as opposed to rounded figures.

Source: *Internet Activity, Australia* (cat. no. 8153.0).

<i>Statistical Division and Statistical Subdivision</i>	<i>Life expectancy at birth(a)</i>	
	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>
Melbourne SD		
Inner Melbourne	76.9	82.3
Western Melbourne	77.2	82.7
Melton-Wyndham	77.3	81.4
Moreland City	77.6	82.4
Northern Middle Melbourne	77.5	82.5
Hume City	76.9	81.9
Northern Outer Melbourne	78.8	84.1
Boroondara City	79.5	83.5
Eastern Middle Melbourne	79.6	83.8
Eastern Outer Melbourne	78.1	82.6
Yarra Ranges Shire Part A	78.0	83.0
Southern Melbourne	78.8	83.5
Greater Dandenong City	77.0	81.7
South Eastern Outer Melbourne	78.4	82.6
Frankston City	76.5	81.5
Mornington Peninsula Shire	77.6	83.1
<i>Total Melbourne SD</i>	78.1	82.9
Barwon SD		
Greater Geelong City Part A	76.8	82.1
East Barwon	78.7	82.5
West Barwon	77.0	82.5
<i>Total Barwon SD</i>	77.3	82.5
Western District SD		
Warrnambool City	76.6	82.6
Hopkins	75.9	81.2
Glenelg	75.1	81.4
<i>Total Western District SD</i>	75.9	81.9
Central Highlands SD		
Ballarat City	76.7	81.6
East Central Highlands	77.2	82.0
West Central Highlands	75.6	81.5
<i>Total Central Highlands SD</i>	76.8	81.9
Wimmera SD		
South Wimmera	76.1	81.1
North Wimmera	76.7	79.7
<i>Total Wimmera SD</i>	76.3	81.2
Mallee SD		
Mildura Rural City Part A	76.4	81.8
West Mallee	n.p.	n.p.
East Mallee	76.8	81.9
<i>Total Mallee SD</i>	76.6	82.0
Loddon SD		
Greater Bendigo City Part A	76.7	82.4
North Loddon	76.8	81.1
South Loddon	77.1	81.5
<i>Total Loddon SD</i>	76.9	82.1
For footnotes see end of table.		<i>...continued</i>

<i>Statistical Division and Statistical Subdivision</i>	<i>Life expectancy at birth(a)</i>	
	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>
Goulburn SD		
Greater Shepparton City Part A	76.8	83.4
North Goulburn	76.7	81.9
South Goulburn	76.6	82.6
South West Goulburn	76.0	82.2
<i>Total Goulburn SD</i>	76.8	82.7
Ovens-Murray SD		
Wodonga	76.3	81.5
West Ovens-Murray	76.3	81.0
East Ovens-Murray	77.4	80.3
<i>Total Ovens-Murray SD</i>	76.6	82.2
East Gippsland SD		
East Gippsland Shire	74.6	81.5
Wellington Shire	76.4	81.6
<i>Total East Gippsland SD</i>	75.6	82.0
Gippsland SD		
La Trobe Valley	75.0	81.4
West Gippsland	76.4	82.3
South Gippsland	76.9	82.3
<i>Total Gippsland SD</i>	76.0	82.3
<b>Victoria</b>	<b>77.5</b>	<b>82.7</b>

(a) Life expectancy at birth is calculated using deaths data for the three years 1999 to 2001.

Source: *Demography, Victoria* (cat. no. 3311.2).

Local Government Area	Cancer(b)	Heart attack(c)	Stroke etc.(d)	Asthma etc.(e)	Suicide(f)	Other causes	All causes
Banyule (C)	278	214	72	90	15	210	879
Bayside (C)	226	207	89	70	8	188	788
Boroondara (C)	308	330	160	97	9	366	1 270
Brimbank (C)	242	173	50	76	15	238	794
Cardinia (S)	71	64	19	15	5	71	245
Casey (C)	228	133	47	50	23	172	653
Darebin (C)	255	297	85	86	19	286	1 028
Frankston (C)	244	221	58	61	14	197	795
Glen Eira (C)	327	250	109	78	13	242	1 019
Greater Dandenong (C)	258	185	82	66	19	234	844
Hobsons Bay (C)	166	127	40	43	11	150	537
Hume (C)	164	105	33	51	5	164	522
Kingston (C)	293	279	105	99	21	259	1 056
Knox (C)	207	189	90	62	20	206	774
Manningham (C)	191	137	60	41	7	185	621
Maribymong (C)	126	135	34	43	5	138	481
Maroondah (C)	214	166	61	62	12	150	665
Melbourne (C)	55	59	22	21	3	56	216
Melton (S)	50	40	7	14	5	43	159
Monash (C)	347	281	81	73	17	245	1 044
Moonee Valley (C)	255	182	60	74	14	179	764
Moreland (C)	326	236	95	82	7	287	1 033
Mornington Peninsula (S)	328	284	133	95	17	293	1 150
Nillumbik (S)	53	35	11	19	8	38	164
Port Phillip (C)	170	144	63	37	15	154	583
Stonnington (C)	172	145	66	44	12	160	599
Whitehorse (C)	300	323	106	90	13	285	1 117
Whittlesea (C)	135	109	39	38	15	114	450
Wyndham (C)	104	71	24	34	13	96	342
Yarra (C)	226	158	58	64	12	161	679
Yarra Ranges (S)	113	100	41	27	12	117	410
<b>Total Melbourne MSR</b>	<b>6 432</b>	<b>5 379</b>	<b>2 000</b>	<b>1 802</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>5 684</b>	<b>21 681</b>

(a) Classified according to the tenth revision of the World Health Organisation's International Classification of Diseases (ICD-10).

(b) Malignant neoplasms (C00-C97).

(c) All heart diseases (I05-I09, I11, I13, I20-I25, I26, I27, I30-I52).

(d) Cerebrovascular diseases (I60-I69).

(e) Diseases of the respiratory system (J00-J99), incl. pneumonia and influenza.

(f) Intentional self-harm (X60-X84).

Source: *Demography, Victoria (cat. no. 3311.2)*.

Statistical Division and Statistical Subdivision	Cancer(c)	Heart attack(d)	Stroke etc.(e)	Asthma etc.(f)	Suicide(g)	Other causes	All causes
<b>Barwon SD</b>							
Gr. Geelong City Pt A	361	340	124	105	21	356	1 307
East Barwon	138	122	25	34	8	109	436
West Barwon	82	61	13	25	n.p.	n.p.	251
<b>Western District SD</b>							
Hopkins	156	180	44	33	8	111	532
Glenelg	107	100	41	28	6	89	371
<b>Central Highlands SD</b>							
Ballarat City	160	184	75	57	9	163	648
East Central Highlands	79	62	19	16	4	74	254
West Central Highlands	41	38	18	8	n.p.	n.p.	147
<b>Wimmera SD</b>							
South Wimmera	89	99	29	25	4	96	342
North Wimmera	48	51	20	15	n.p.	n.p.	183
<b>Mallee SD</b>							
Mildura (RC) Pt. A	83	74	21	19	n.p.	n.p.	277
West Mallee	39	31	5	12	n.p.	n.p.	115
East Mallee	78	74	27	13	6	85	283
<b>Loddon SD</b>							
Gr. Bendigo City Pt A	167	179	53	57	8	168	632
North Loddon	133	127	36	33	14	108	451
South Loddon	52	50	15	17	4	49	187
<b>Goulburn SD</b>							
Gr. Shepparton (C) Pt. A	75	74	34	23	4	90	300
North Goulburn	175	160	52	57	8	153	605
South Goulburn	80	65	22	24	5	69	265
South West Goulburn	90	65	11	17	4	79	266
<b>Ovens-Murray SD</b>							
Wodonga	100	63	24	22	4	72	285
West Ovens-Murray	66	62	25	17	3	62	235
East Ovens-Murray	47	44	20	14	n.p.	n.p.	149
<b>East Gippsland SD</b>							
East Gippsland Shire	130	100	49	34	n.p.	n.p.	412
Wellington Shire	92	99	26	22	3	72	314
<b>Gippsland SD</b>							
La Trobe Valley	190	155	47	43	10	160	605
West Gippsland	53	62	20	15	4	57	211
South Gippsland	154	110	49	43	11	129	496
<b>Balance of Victoria MSR(b)</b>	<b>3 065</b>	<b>2 831</b>	<b>944</b>	<b>828</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>2 736</b>	<b>10 559</b>

(a) Classified according to the tenth revision of the World Health Organisation's International Classification of Diseases (ICD-10).

(b) Excludes Yarra Ranges (S) Pt B.

(c) Malignant neoplasms (C00-C97).

(d) All heart diseases (I05-I09, I11, I13, I20-I25, I26, I27, I30-I52).

(e) Cerebrovascular diseases (I60-I69).

(f) Diseases of the respiratory system (J00-J99), incl. pneumonia and influenza.

(g) Intentional self-harm (X60-X84).

Source: *Demography, Victoria* (Cat. no. 3311.2).

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## DRUG-INDUCED DEATHS AND DEATHS FROM SUICIDE

Age at death	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Drug-induced deaths(a)					
0-19	13	18	20	23	14
20-24	37	66	86	68	29
25-29	74	80	113	106	36
30-34	53	82	90	82	38
35-39	57	44	69	70	36
40-44	42	40	55	52	21
45-49	17	23	30	29	17
50-54	22	16	18	11	16
55-64	14	4	17	20	13
65-74	12	9	15	14	5
75 years and over	5	15	11	10	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>232</b>
Deaths from suicide(b)					
0-19	35	41	30	30	29
20-24	84	55	49	36	40
25-29	72	88	80	57	81
30-34	66	77	58	70	65
35-39	73	68	59	70	68
40-44	68	44	69	51	57
45-49	59	43	44	40	35
50-54	46	44	41	41	46
55-59	39	31	23	25	27
60-64	31	20	26	23	25
65-69	28	21	20	23	16
70-74	27	18	18	11	20
75-79	22	17	11	9	10
80 years and over	19	12	24	25	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>541</b>

(a) Includes International Classification of Diseases (ICD-10) categories F11-F16, F19, F55, X40-X44, X60-X64, X85 and Y10-Y14.

(b) Includes International Classification of Diseases (ICD-10) categories X60-X84.

Source: Causes of Death (cat. no. 3303.0).

Hospital	Semi-urgent cases admitted within 90 days during the quarter					
	Dec 2002		Mar 2003		Number of semi-urgent cases waiting over 90 days	
	no.	%	no.	%	as at 31 Dec 2002	as at 31 Mar 2003
<b>Major metropolitan</b>						
Angliss	431	99.8	385	99.5	0	0
Austin(b)	642	70.2	634	68.9	430	395
Box Hill	556	82.7	529	78.3	124	97
Dandenong	249	71.6	206	54.8	695	757
Frankston	479	57.1	432	48.9	1 398	1 288
Maroondah	249	87.7	199	86.2	25	7
Monash Medical Centre(c)	546	69.0	545	62.4	682	665
Royal Melbourne	440	74.8	335	64.1	367	426
St Vincent's	627	83.7	492	73.0	265	286
Sunshine	312	92.3	291	86.6	20	11
The Alfred	386	60.7	388	60.3	584	493
The Northern	505	69.1	467	62.2	414	386
Western	465	80.9	446	75.9	289	312
<i>Total</i>	5 887	<i>n.a.</i>	5 349	<i>n.a.</i>	5 293	5 123
<b>Other metropolitan</b>						
Royal Children's	531	100.0	400	100.0	0	0
Royal Women's	370	99.7	452	99.1	1	0
Sandringham and District Memorial	220	89.8	207	88.8	13	19
The Royal Victorian Eye and Ear(d)	1 251	94.8	1 263	96.2	45	31
<i>Total</i>	2 372	<i>n.a.</i>	2 322	<i>n.a.</i>	59	50
<i>All major metropolitan</i>	8 259	<i>n.a.</i>	7 671	<i>n.a.</i>	5 352	5 173
<b>Major regional</b>						
Ballarat Health Services	330	88.7	231	83.7	90	85
Barwon Health	488	80.0	470	75.8	323	310
Bendigo Health Care Group	210	68.6	221	69.3	195	215
Goulburn Valley Health	267	83.2	289	73.5	83	43
Latrobe Regional	388	98.2	337	97.4	2	3
<i>Total</i>	1 683	<i>n.a.</i>	1 548	<i>n.a.</i>	693	656
<b>Other rural</b>						
Northeast Health Wangaratta	194	96.0	201	91.4	6	3
West Gippsland(d)	219	81.1	223	84.8	35	36
<i>Total</i>	413	<i>n.a.</i>	424	<i>n.a.</i>	41	39
<i>All regional and rural</i>	2 096	<i>n.a.</i>	1 972	<i>n.a.</i>	734	695
<b>All public hospitals</b>	<b>10 355</b>	<b>80.7</b>	<b>9 643</b>	<b>75.9</b>	<b>6 086</b>	<b>5 868</b>

(a) Data are provisional.

(b) Includes both Austin and Repatriation campuses.

(c) Includes both Clayton and Moorabbin campuses.

(d) December 2002 data are provisional.

Source: Hospital Services Report March 2003, Department of Human Services, Victoria, <[www.health.vic.gov.au/hsr](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/hsr)>.

Hospital	Admissions(a)				Patients treated in emergency departments(b)		
	Mar qtr 2002	Dec qtr 2002(c)	Mar qtr 2003(c)	% change from Mar 2002 to Mar 2003	Mar qtr 2002	Mar qtr 2003(c)	% change from Mar 2002 to Mar 2003
<b>Major metropolitan</b>							
Angliss	5 269	5 688	5 695	8.1	8 544	9 246	8.2
Austin(d)	16 161	17 076	16 748	3.6	9 227	9 638	4.5
Box Hill	8 898	9 893	9 685	8.8	8 708	9 218	5.9
Dandenong	6 956	7 639	7 333	5.4	10 599	10 966	3.5
Frankston	9 897	10 776	10 560	6.7	9 928	11 246	13.3
Maroondah	4 739	5 126	4 949	4.4	7 686	8 318	8.2
Monash Medical Centre(e)	18 766	20 277	19 644	4.7	12 328	12 177	-1.2
Royal Melbourne	18 409	20 411	20 044	8.9	11 982	11 369	-5.1
St Vincent's	10 362	11 845	10 915	5.3	7 788	7 814	0.3
Sunshine	6 897	6 846	6 823	-1.1	12 037	13 081	8.7
The Alfred	13 087	13 937	13 946	6.6	9 387	9 900	5.5
The Northern	6 365	7 165	6 909	8.5	11 193	11 963	6.9
Western	7 897	9 210	8 704	10.2	7 596	7 988	5.2
<i>All major metropolitan</i>	133 703	145 889	141 955	6.2	127 003	132 924	4.7
<b>Other metropolitan</b>							
Caulfield General Medical Centre	399	533	494	23.8	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Mercy Public, East Melbourne	4 270	4 586	4 544	6.4	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Peter MacCallum Cancer Institute	3 243	4 560	4 045	24.7	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Royal Children's	6 895	8 092	7 060	2.4	12 223	11 741	-3.9
Royal Women's	6 364	7 009	7 018	10.3	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Sandringham & District Memorial	3 561	4 042	3 914	9.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
The Royal Victorian Eye and Ear	2 769	3 073	2 972	7.3	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Other metropolitan	11 564	12 844	12 555	8.6	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
<i>All other metropolitan</i>	39 065	44 739	42 602	9.1	12 223	11 741	-3.9
<i>All metropolitan</i>	172 768	190 628	184 557	6.8	139 226	144 665	3.9
<b>Major regional</b>							
Ballarat Health Services	5 903	6 054	5 785	-2.0	8 659	8 727	0.8
Barwon Health(f)	12 289	12 904	13 194	7.4	9 962	9 853	-1.1
Bendigo Health Care Group	5 327	6 162	5 982	12.3	7 791	7 408	-4.9
Goulburn Valley Health	4 597	4 795	5 086	10.6	6 745	7 162	6.2
Latrobe Regional	5 523	5 757	5 332	-3.5	6 686	6 615	-1.1
<i>All major regional</i>	33 639	35 672	35 379	5.2	39 843	39 765	-0.2
<b>Other rural</b>							
Central Gippsland Health Service	2 505	2 577	2 513	0.3	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Northeast Health Wangaratta	2 925	3 289	3 132	7.1	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
South West Healthcare	3 341	3 711	3 548	6.2	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Wimmera Health Care Group	2 108	2 400	2 156	2.3	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Wodonga Regional Health Service	4 033	4 355	3 875	-3.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Other rural	33 669	37 247	35 268	4.7	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
<i>All other rural</i>	48 581	53 579	50 492	3.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
<i>All regional and rural</i>	82 220	89 251	85 871	4.4	39 843	39 765	-0.2
<b>All public hospitals</b>	<b>254 988</b>	<b>279 879</b>	<b>270 428</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>179 069</b>	<b>184 430</b>	<b>3.0</b>

(a) Data refer to the number of separations (number of patients discharged from hospital).

(b) Includes all emergency department patients, whether or not they were admitted to hospital.

(c) Provisional data.

(d) Includes both Austin and Repatriation campuses.

(e) Includes both Clayton and Moorabbin campuses.

(f) Dec 2002 and Mar 2003 data were incomplete, so estimates have been provided.

Source: Hospital Services Report March 2003, Department of Human Services, Victoria, <www.health.vic.gov.au/hsr>.

## GLOSSARY

**Chain volume measures** Annually-reweighted chain Laspeyres indexes referenced to the current price values in a chosen reference year (i.e. the year when the quarterly chain volume measures sum to the current price annual values). Chain Laspeyres volume measures are compiled by linking together (compounding) movements in volumes, calculated using the average prices of the previous financial year, and applying the compounded movements to the current price estimates of the reference year. Quarterly chain volume estimates are benchmarked to annual chain volume estimates, so that the quarterly estimates for a financial year sum to the corresponding annual estimate.

Generally, chain volume measures are not additive. In other words, component chain volume measures do not sum to a total in the way original current price components do. In order to minimise the impact of this property, the ABS uses the latest base year as the reference year. By adopting this approach, additivity exists for the quarters following the reference year and non-additivity is relatively small for the quarters in the reference year and the quarters immediately preceding it. The latest base year and the reference year will be advanced one year with the release of the June quarter data each year. A change in reference year changes levels but not growth rates, although some revision to recent growth rates can be expected because of the introduction of a more recent base year (and revisions to the current price estimates underlying the chain volume measures).

**Duration of unemployment** The elapsed period to the end of the reference week since a person began looking for work, or since a person last worked for two weeks or more, whichever is the shorter. Brief periods of work (of less than two weeks) since the person began looking for work are disregarded.

**Employed** Persons aged 15 years and over who, during the reference week:

- worked for one hour or more for pay, profit, commission or payment in kind, in a job or business or on a farm (comprising employees, employers and own account workers)
- worked for one hour or more without pay in a family business or on a farm (i.e. contributing family workers)
- were employees who had a job but were not at work and were:
  - away from work for less than four weeks up to the end of the reference week
  - away from work for more than four weeks up to the end of the reference week and received pay for some or all of the four week period to the end of the reference week
  - away from work as a standard work or shift arrangement
  - on strike or locked out
  - on workers' compensation and expected to return to their job

<b>Employed continued</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ were employers or own account workers who had a job, business or farm, but were not at work.</li> </ul>
<b>Part-time workers</b>	Employed persons who usually worked less than 35 hours a week (in all jobs) and either did so during the reference week, or were not at work in the reference week.
<b>Particles as PM<sub>10</sub></b>	Particles with an aerodynamic diameter of 10 micrometres or less.
<b>Seasonal adjustment</b>	A means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variations from economic time series so that the effects of other influences are obvious. Seasonal variations are the systematic (though not necessarily regular) intra-year movements of economic time series. These are often the result of non-economic phenomena, such as climatic changes and regular religious festivals, e.g. Christmas and Easter.
<b>State final demand</b>	<p>Conceptually identical to domestic final demand at the national level (the sum of private and government final consumption expenditure and private and public gross fixed capital formation).</p> <p>National estimates are based on the concepts and conventions embodied in the <i>System of National Accounts, 1993</i>, but for regional (including State) estimates there is no separate international standard. Although national concepts are generally applicable to State accounts, there remain several conceptual and measurement issues that either do not apply or are insignificant nationally. Most of the problems arise in the measurement of gross state product for the transport and storage, communication services, and finance and insurance industries, where production often takes place across State borders. In these cases, a number of conceptual views can be applied to the allocation of value added by State. For more information, see chapter 28 of <i>Australian System of National Accounts: Concepts, Sources and Methods</i> (cat. no. 5216.0).</p>
<b>Trend estimates</b>	Smoothing seasonally adjusted series produces a measure of trend by removing the impact of the irregular component of the series. The trend estimates are derived by applying a 13-term Henderson weighted moving average to the respective seasonally adjusted series. Readers are reminded that trend estimates are subject to revision as subsequent months' data become available.
<b>Unemployed</b>	<p>Persons aged 15 years and over who were not employed during the reference week, and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ had actively looked for full-time or part-time work at any time in the four weeks up to the end of the reference week and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ were available for work in the reference week</li> <li>■ were waiting to start a new job within four weeks from the end of the reference week, and could have started in the reference week if the job had been available then.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>







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