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GENERAL

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

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT AND TREND ESTIMATION

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

STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES

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

For detailed explanatory notes and definitions for the items shown in this publication, readers are referred to the specific ABS publications.

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SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

kWh	kilowatt hour
teraJ	terajoule
n.a.	not available
n.p.	not available for publication but included in totals where applicable
n.y.a	not yet available
r	figure or series revised since previous issue
. .	not applicable
—	nil or rounded to zero
—	break in continuity of series (where a line is drawn across a column between two consecutive figures)

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NSW OVERVIEW

EMPLOYMENT	Employment in NSW increased by 1.0% in February 2000 to a seasonally adjusted figure of 3,004,500. National employment in February 2000 was 8,962,400.
UNEMPLOYMENT	Unemployment in NSW fell by 1.6% to a seasonally adjusted figure of 186,400 in February 2000. The unemployment rate fell from 6.0% in January 2000 to 5.8% in February 2000. The national unemployment rate was 6.7% in February 2000.
INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES	In December 1999 there were 29,100 working days lost due to industrial disputes, significantly less than the 121,400 working days lost in the previous month. NSW accounted for over 70% of working days lost nationally.
JOB VACANCIES	In February 2000 there were 46,400 job vacancies in NSW, an increase of 25.7% on the previous quarter and 52.1% on the corresponding quarter of the previous year. NSW accounted for 41% of job vacancies in Australia.
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS	Average weekly earnings in NSW in November 1999 were \$805.10 compared with \$763.50 for Australia (full-time adult ordinary time earnings, seasonally adjusted).
TOURISM	In NSW the room occupancy rate for the December quarter 1999 increased by 1.1 percentage points, compared with the previous December quarter, to 60.9%. There was a decrease of 0.2 percentage points compared with the September quarter 1999.
FINANCE	The seasonally adjusted value of housing finance commitments for owner occupation in NSW in January 2000 was \$2,712 million, down 2.9% on the previous month but an overall increase of 29.9% on January 1999.
IMPORTS AND EXPORTS	The customs value of imports into NSW during January 2000 was \$3,455 million, a decrease of 13.2% on December 1999. The value of exports (FOB) from NSW in December 1999 was \$1,318 million, a fall of 16.6% over the same period.
GOVERNMENT FINANCE STATISTICS (GFS)	<p>The General Government GFS result for the seven months ended 31 January 2000 was an underlying surplus of \$988 million. The result comprises a surplus of \$2,321 million on current transactions and a deficit of \$1,333 million on capital transactions.</p> <p>Over the same period, total receipts amounted to \$15,187 million and total underlying outlays amounted to \$14,199 million. The 1999/2000 Budget projects full year receipts of \$25,987 million and total underlying outlays of \$25,773 million.</p>

MAIN FEATURES

TOURISM

In NSW the number of room nights occupied in licensed hotels, motels and guest houses and serviced apartments with 15 or more rooms or units in the December quarter 1999 increased by 2.3% on the September quarter 1999 to 3,423,100. Compared to the December quarter 1998, there was an increase of 6.6%. At the national level, the number of room nights occupied increased by 0.2% and 5.1% over the same periods. In NSW the room occupancy rate for licensed hotels in the December quarter 1999 was 68.2%, a rise of 0.6% from the December quarter 1998. The occupancy rate for motels and guest houses increased by 2.4% to 55.7% and the occupancy rate for serviced apartments fell by 0.3% to 63.3% over the same period.

In the Sydney Tourism Region, room occupancy rate for the December quarter 1999 for accommodation establishments overall was 72.3%, an increase of 3.3% over the year. For the December quarter 1999, room occupancy rates for licensed hotels, motels and guest houses, and serviced apartments were 74.0%, 68.8% and 71.9% respectively.

In NSW, takings from accommodation increased in aggregate for each accommodation type in the December quarter 1999 compared with the December quarter 1998 with an overall increase of 10.0% to \$395.2 million. In the Sydney Tourism Region, takings from accommodation were \$276.2 million for the December quarter 1999, accounting for over 70% of the total for NSW. In NSW average takings per room night occupied in licensed hotels was \$151.2, \$82.7 for motels and guest houses and \$137.9 for serviced apartments. In the Sydney Tourism Region average takings per room night were \$158.2, \$97.2 and \$152.8 for each accommodation type respectively.

LABOUR FORCE

Over the period February 1999 to February 2000, the seasonally adjusted estimate for total employment in NSW increased by 96,700 or 3.3% to 3.0 million. The number of unemployed persons in NSW fell 22,900 over the same period to 186,400. Nationally, the number of employed and unemployed persons increased by 3.0% and decreased 8.1% respectively over the same period. The unemployment rate in NSW fell from 6.7% in February 1999 to 5.8% in February 2000. At the same time, the participation rate for NSW increased by 0.5 percentage points to 62.3% and is now at its highest level since July 1998. Nationally, the unemployment rate and the participation rate were 6.7% and 63.5% respectively in February 2000.

In original terms, the number of job vacancies in NSW was 46,400 in February 2000, representing an increase of 52.1% on the figure a year ago (30,500). The February 2000 figure is the second highest level recorded since the series began. The highest level recorded was 48,300 in August 1999. The national figure of 112,700 in February 2000 was also the highest level recorded since the series begun and is 2.5% higher than for August 1999 (110,000). The number of working days lost in NSW in December 1999 increased by 1.0% compared to the figure a year ago. Nationally, the number of working days lost fell by 19.8% over the same period.

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1 ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION—NSW

	<i>Estimated resident population at end of period</i>			<i>Increase during period</i>			<i>Mean estimated resident population for year ended</i>	
	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Natural increase(a)</i>	<i>Net estimated migration</i>	<i>Total increase(b)</i>	<i>30 June</i>	<i>31 December</i>
	<i>'000</i>	<i>'000</i>	<i>'000</i>	<i>'000</i>	<i>'000</i>	<i>'000</i>	<i>'000</i>	<i>'000</i>
1996	3 098.9	3 143.1	6 241.9	41.8	31.3	73.1	6 167.2	6 204.2
1997	3 128.9	3 171.5	6 300.5	40.9	17.6	58.5	6 240.9	6 276.1
1998	3 168.3	3 207.8	6 376.2	40.5	35.2	75.7	6 307.1	6 344.3
1998								
June qtr	3 146.3	3 187.2	6 333.5	9.9	4.1	14.0	..	..
September qtr	3 157.3	3 197.6	6 354.9	8.2	13.2	21.4	..	..
December qtr	3 168.3	3 207.8	6 376.2	12.1	9.1	21.2	..	..
1999								
March qtr	3 179.0	3 218.2	6 397.2	9.1	11.9	21.0	..	..
June qtr	3 186.9	3 224.8	6 411.7	9.7	4.8	14.5	..	..
September qtr	3 195.9	3 232.8	6 428.7	8.1	8.9	17.0	..	..

(a) Excess of live births over deaths.

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

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

2 LABOUR—NSW AND AUSTRALIA

	New South Wales					Australia		
	Unit	Latest period	Latest figure	Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year	Latest figure	Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year
				%	%		no.	%
Employed persons (seasonally adjusted)	'000	Feb 2000	3 004.5	1.0	3.3	8 962.4	0.7	3.0
Unemployed persons (seasonally adjusted)	'000	Feb 2000	186.4	-1.6	-10.9	643.5	-1.7	-8.1
Labour force (seasonally adjusted)	'000	Feb 2000	3 190.9	0.9	2.4	9 606.0	0.5	2.1
Participation rate (seasonally adjusted)	%	Feb 2000	62.3	0.8	0.8	63.5	0.5	0.6
Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)	%	Feb 2000	5.8	-3.3	-13.4	6.7	-2.9	-9.5
Industrial disputes—working days lost	'000	Dec 1999	29.1	-76.0	1.0	40.9	-72.7	-19.8
Job vacancies	'000	Feb 2000	46.4	25.7	52.1	112.7	9.2	36.1
Average weekly employee earnings—full-time adult ordinary time earnings (seasonally adjusted)	\$	Nov 1999	805.1	2.2	4.4	763.5	1.4	3.0

Note: Seasonally adjusted estimates have been revised from February 1978 to reflect the annual re-analysis of seasonal factors.

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

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	Seasonally adjusted						
	Employed persons	Unemployed persons	Labour force	Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Industrial disputes (working days lost)	Job vacancies
	'000	'000	'000	%	%	'000	'000
1998							
December	2 890.3	211.1	3 101.4	61.6	6.8	28.8	..
1999							
January	2 886.8	217.6	3 104.4	61.6	7.0	2.7	..
February	2 907.8	209.3	3 117.1	61.8	6.7	40.3	30.5
March	2 904.2	219.6	3 123.8	61.8	7.0	7.8	..
April	2 903.2	212.7	3 115.9	61.6	6.8	2.1	..
May	2 920.5	203.8	3 124.3	61.7	6.5	3.1	37.5
June	2 926.9	201.6	3 128.5	61.7	6.4	3.9	..
July	2 938.2	192.1	3 130.3	61.6	6.1	23.4	..
August	2 936.1	208.2	3 144.3	61.8	6.6	32.2	48.3
September	2 948.9	217.8	3 166.7	62.2	6.9	33.8	..
October	2 967.0	190.0	3 157.0	61.9	6.0	16.7	..
November	2 960.5	176.9	3 137.4	61.5	5.6	121.4	36.9
December	2 971.5	199.9	3 171.4	62.0	6.3	29.1	..
2000							
January	2 974.0	189.5	3 163.5	61.8	6.0	n.y.a.	..
February	3 004.5	186.4	3 190.9	62.3	5.8	n.y.a.	46.4

Note: Seasonally adjusted estimates have been revised from February 1978 to reflect the annual re-analysis of seasonal factors.

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

4 LABOUR FORCE STATUS, NSW—ORIGINAL

	<i>Employed</i>		<i>Unemployed</i>		<i>Labour force</i>	<i>Not in labour force</i>	<i>Civilian population aged 15 years and over</i>	<i>Unemployment rate(a)</i>	<i>Participation rate(b)</i>
	<i>Full-time workers</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Looking for full-time work</i>	<i>Total</i>					
	'000	'000	'000	'000					
MALES									
February									
1996	1 422.6	1 589.7	132.7	149.8	1 739.4	640.7	2 380.1	8.6	73.1
1997	1 419.5	1 588.2	141.2	160.0	1 748.2	664.8	2 413.0	9.2	72.4
1998	1 432.9	1 600.3	127.7	149.3	1 749.6	696.4	2 446.1	8.5	71.5
1998									
December	1 467.6	1 658.3	107.6	121.5	1 779.8	695.0	2 474.7	6.8	71.9
1999									
January	1 447.1	1 633.0	124.6	140.8	1 773.8	703.8	2 477.5	7.9	71.6
February	1 453.4	1 644.9	113.5	133.1	1 778.0	702.4	2 480.3	7.5	71.7
March	1 454.3	1 661.9	102.9	126.1	1 788.0	695.2	2 483.1	7.1	72.0
April	1 456.1	1 657.8	95.6	115.5	1 773.3	713.3	2 486.6	6.5	71.3
May	1 460.0	1 662.7	93.3	110.1	1 772.8	717.2	2 490.0	6.2	71.2
June	1 459.4	1 668.1	91.6	108.0	1 776.1	717.3	2 493.4	6.1	71.2
July	1 491.8	1 687.4	83.2	101.3	1 788.7	707.7	2 496.4	5.7	71.7
August	1 464.1	1 662.6	95.9	115.3	1 777.8	721.6	2 499.4	6.5	71.1
September	1 502.7	1 696.2	97.6	124.8	1 820.9	681.5	2 502.4	6.9	72.8
October	1 504.7	1 688.4	87.4	105.5	1 793.9	712.6	2 506.4	5.9	71.6
November	1 498.9	1 681.8	81.4	95.1	1 777.0	733.5	2 510.5	5.4	70.8
December	1 530.2	1 711.0	95.2	116.1	1 827.0	687.5	2 514.5	6.4	72.7
2000									
January	1 497.6	1 680.2	104.8	119.9	1 800.1	717.6	2 517.7	6.7	71.5
February	1 503.6	1 694.0	95.8	113.8	1 807.8	713.1	2 520.9	6.3	71.7
FEMALES									
February									
1996	721.1	1 187.4	77.0	109.8	1 297.2	1 172.5	2 469.7	8.5	52.5
1997	727.8	1 196.2	79.4	125.0	1 321.1	1 183.4	2 504.6	9.5	52.7
1998	709.5	1 192.3	71.2	110.8	1 303.2	1 232.7	2 535.9	8.5	51.4
1998									
December	762.7	1 276.6	57.4	86.6	1 363.3	1 199.2	2 562.5	6.4	53.2
1999									
January	739.5	1 218.0	62.6	90.1	1 308.0	1 257.1	2 565.1	6.9	51.0
February	738.4	1 236.4	67.4	104.5	1 340.9	1 226.8	2 567.7	7.8	52.2
March	728.8	1 238.3	64.3	108.7	1 347.0	1 223.3	2 570.2	8.1	52.4
April	726.0	1 242.6	62.5	98.5	1 341.2	1 232.0	2 573.2	7.3	52.1
May	729.5	1 250.2	56.8	90.0	1 340.3	1 235.9	2 576.1	6.7	52.0
June	746.9	1 264.6	52.3	81.5	1 346.2	1 232.9	2 579.1	6.1	52.2
July	754.9	1 265.7	53.2	76.5	1 342.2	1 239.8	2 582.0	5.7	52.0
August	723.4	1 237.1	54.9	86.7	1 323.8	1 261.2	2 584.9	6.5	51.2
September	749.9	1 285.6	61.3	97.6	1 383.2	1 204.7	2 587.9	7.1	53.4
October	767.2	1 289.1	51.3	77.1	1 366.2	1 225.1	2 591.3	5.6	52.7
November	756.5	1 283.3	50.5	71.8	1 355.1	1 239.7	2 594.8	5.3	52.2
December	788.4	1 307.0	54.7	80.9	1 387.9	1 210.4	2 598.3	5.8	53.4
2000									
January	776.9	1 257.2	55.3	80.7	1 337.9	1 262.8	2 600.7	6.0	51.4
February	755.7	1 282.3	57.0	98.2	1 380.5	1 222.7	2 603.2	7.1	53.0

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4 LABOUR FORCE STATUS, NSW—ORIGINAL—continued

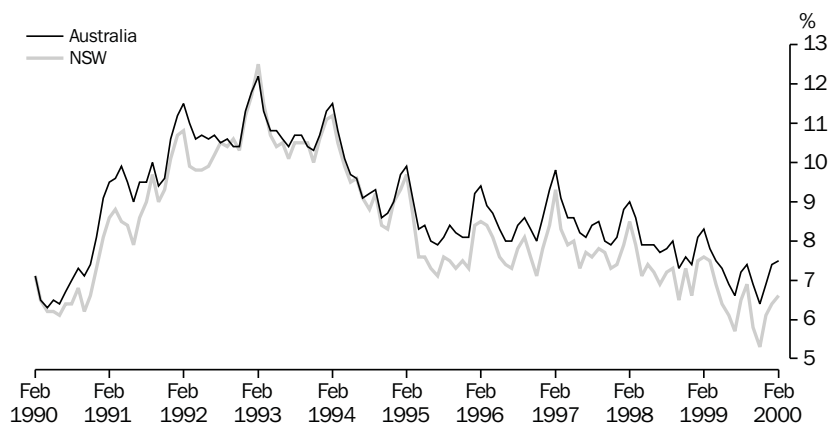
	<u>Employed</u>		<u>Unemployed</u>		Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 years and over	Unemployment rate(a)	Participation rate(b)
	Full-time workers	Total	Looking for full-time work	Total					
	'000	'000	'000	'000					
PERSONS									
February									
1996	2 143.7	2 777.1	209.7	259.5	3 036.7	1 813.2	4 849.8	8.5	62.6
1997	2 147.3	2 784.4	220.6	284.9	3 069.3	1 848.3	4 917.6	9.3	62.4
1998	2 142.4	2 792.7	198.9	260.1	3 052.8	1 929.1	4 981.9	8.5	61.3
1998									
December	2 230.2	2 934.9	165.0	208.1	3 143.1	1 894.2	5 037.2	6.6	62.4
1999									
January	2 186.6	2 850.9	187.1	230.9	3 081.8	1 960.9	5 042.6	7.5	61.1
February	2 191.8	2 881.3	180.9	237.5	3 118.8	1 929.2	5 048.0	7.6	61.8
March	2 183.2	2 900.2	167.2	234.8	3 134.9	1 918.4	5 053.4	7.5	62.0
April	2 182.1	2 900.4	158.1	214.0	3 114.5	1 945.3	5 059.8	6.9	61.6
May	2 189.6	2 912.9	150.2	200.1	3 113.1	1 953.1	5 066.1	6.4	61.4
June	2 206.3	2 932.7	143.9	189.6	3 122.3	1 950.3	5 072.5	6.1	61.6
July	2 246.7	2 953.2	136.4	177.8	3 131.0	1 947.5	5 078.5	5.7	61.7
August	2 187.6	2 899.6	150.8	202.0	3 101.6	1 982.8	5 084.4	6.5	61.0
September	2 252.6	2 981.8	158.9	222.4	3 204.2	1 886.2	5 090.3	6.9	62.9
October	2 271.8	2 977.5	138.6	182.6	3 160.1	1 937.7	5 097.8	5.8	62.0
November	2 255.4	2 965.1	131.9	167.0	3 132.1	1 973.2	5 105.3	5.3	61.3
December	2 318.6	3 017.9	149.9	197.0	3 214.9	1 897.9	5 112.8	6.1	62.9
2000									
January	2 274.5	2 937.4	160.1	200.6	3 138.0	1 980.4	5 118.4	6.4	61.3
February	2 259.3	2 976.3	152.8	212.0	3 188.3	1 935.7	5 124.0	6.6	62.2

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

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

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

5 UNEMPLOYMENT RATE—ORIGINAL



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

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

	Unit	Latest period	New South Wales				Australia		
			Latest figure	Change	Change	Latest figure	Change	Change	
				from prior period	from same period prior year		from prior period	from same period prior year	
%	%	%	%						
Raw coal won—									
Underground	'000 tonnes	Dec 99	4 662	7.4	39.6	7 480	5.4	55.4	
Open cut	'000 tonnes	Dec 99	7 066	13.7	8.7	16 839	-3.9	7.3	
Total	'000 tonnes	Dec 99	11 728	11.1	19.2	24 628	0.0	20.1	
Electricity	mill. kWh	Dec qtr 99	15 284	-10.0	0.4	44 591	-4.7	3.1	
Gas(a)	teraJ	Dec qtr 99	26 029	-20.0	4.0	158 557	-14.7	0.7	

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

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

7 COAL, ELECTRICITY AND GAS PRODUCTION, NSW—ORIGINAL

	Raw coal won				
	Underground	Open cut	Total	Electricity	Gas(a)
	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	mill. kWh	teraJ
1996-97	54 642	69 036	123 678	62 788	109 284
1997-98	58 299	75 710	134 009	61 804	111 665
1998-99	51 158	80 209	131 367	63 743	110 092
1998					
October	4 732	7 131	11 863	—	—
November	3 988	6 931	10 919	15 227	25 039
December	3 346	6 500	9 846	—	—
1999					
January	3 273	6 159	9 432	—	—
February	3 848	6 913	10 761	15 609	22 367
March	4 921	7 827	12 748	—	—
April	3 525	5 768	9 293	—	—
May	4 664	6 303	10 967	16 365	30 428
June	5 209	7 448	12 657	—	—
July	4 137	6 270	10 407	—	—
August	3 820	6 306	10 126	16 977	32 555
September	5 552	8 215	13 767	—	—
October	4 045	6 084	10 129	—	—
November	4 340	6 213	10 553	15 284	26 029
December	4 662	7 066	11 728	—	—

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

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

8 BUILDING APPROVALS—NSW AND AUSTRALIA

	Unit	Latest period	Latest figure	New South Wales		Australia		
				Change from prior period %	Change from same period prior year %	Change from prior period %	Change from same period prior year %	
Number of dwelling units(a) (seasonally adjusted)—								
New houses	no.	Jan 2000	2 666	-12.1	17.9	11 134	-7.1	28.6
Total	no.	Jan 2000	4 116	-2.7	-4.0	16 034	6.0	26.3
Value of new residential building (seasonally adjusted)	\$m	Jan 2000	616.0	11.2	22.3	1 996.6	3.9	41.7
Value of alterations and additions to residential building(b) (seasonally adjusted)	\$m	Jan 2000	90.1	-21.4	-2.6	278.6	-3.5	18.2
Value of non-residential building(c) (original)	\$m	Jan 2000	356.8	28.8	20.0	881.7	6.6	-13.7
Value of all building (original)	\$m	Jan 2000	925.7	-1.1	22.3	2 705.2	-5.5	18.1

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

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

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

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

9 BUILDING APPROVALS—NSW

	Number of dwelling units(a), seasonally adjusted				Value of building approvals			
	New houses		Total		Seasonally adjusted		Original	
	Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total	New residential building	Alterations and additions to residential building(b)	Non-residential building(c)	All building
	no.	no.	no.	no.				
1996-97	..	..	..	..	..	..	5 169.2	11 356.6
1997-98	..	..	..	..	..	..	5 910.9	13 348.6
1998-99	..	..	..	..	..	..	4 534.9	11 872.4
1998								
November	2 272	2 337	4 109	4 420	535.4	92.9	461.5	1 180.1
December	2 333	2 358	4 274	4 451	530.7	91.9	234.8	840.5
1999								
January	2 237	2 262	4 182	4 286	503.7	92.5	297.4	757.2
February	2 413	2 428	4 052	4 126	508.7	104.8	432.0	996.2
March	2 459	2 476	4 141	4 277	497.8	90.0	395.5	1 013.6
April	2 266	2 275	4 194	4 265	482.8	89.1	207.3	781.6
May	2 582	2 610	4 174	4 252	527.0	108.5	424.4	1 141.4
June	2 452	2 464	4 478	4 548	605.4	91.1	503.7	1 171.2
July	2 725	2 737	4 414	4 578	605.4	105.2	523.2	1 258.8
August	2 537	2 539	4 949	5 024	648.7	117.8	505.7	1 269.1
September	2 284	2 327	3 990	4 052	496.3	112.9	259.1	922.7
October	2 673	2 697	4 311	4 560	570.8	119.9	264.5	882.1
November	2 701	2 717	3 944	4 056	512.3	102.5	263.0	965.7
December	3 012	3 032	4 188	4 232	554.2	114.6	277.1	936.4
2000								
January	2 649	2 666	4 042	4 116	616.0	90.1	356.8	925.7

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

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

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

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

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

	Latest period	New South Wales			Australia		
		Latest figure		Change from same period prior year	Latest figure		Change from same period prior year
		\$m	%	%	\$m	%	%
Food retailing	Jan 2000	1 538.1	-2.8	-0.6	4 812.2	-0.7	1.7
Department stores	Jan 2000	367.2	-1.8	-5.3	1 049.0	-2.8	-3.2
Clothing and soft good retailing	Jan 2000	289.2	-4.9	-0.6	803.7	-1.6	6.6
Household good retailing	Jan 2000	439.7	5.0	7.8	1 400.4	5.3	8.6
Recreational good retailing	Jan 2000	216.7	8.4	7.2	609.1	0.0	0.9
Other retailing	Jan 2000	437.5	-1.8	9.5	1 239.5	-1.0	4.3
Hospitality and services	Jan 2000	845.9	-1.0	0.7	2 034.9	-1.2	6.2
Total value of retail sales	Jan 2000	4 134.4	-1.1	1.4	11 948.8	-0.4	3.3

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

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

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

	Food retailing	Department stores	Clothing and soft good retailing	Household good retailing	Recreational good retailing	Other retailing	Hospitality and services	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1998								
November	1 512.0	365.1	289.7	382.5	195.1	381.9	793.7	3 920.0
December	1 503.3	344.4	284.2	371.5	192.8	386.6	769.7	3 852.5
1999								
January	1 548.0	387.7	291.7	408.0	202.2	399.5	840.2	4 077.2
February	1 527.5	355.9	283.3	380.6	196.4	401.0	867.2	4 011.9
March	1 568.6	364.2	287.5	375.7	210.3	390.0	880.6	4 077.0
April	1 518.6	360.1	296.9	389.5	208.6	417.7	876.6	4 068.0
May	1 526.4	353.6	282.2	387.3	198.4	425.8	884.0	4 057.7
June	1 537.4	343.3	285.2	390.3	203.0	409.0	875.2	4 043.3
July	1 536.0	364.4	278.6	406.1	216.4	409.9	846.0	4 057.4
August	1 557.2	370.3	303.0	436.7	207.6	426.2	826.5	4 127.4
September	1 582.3	364.8	298.2	456.1	211.6	426.3	869.9	4 209.2
October	1 565.2	380.5	304.8	466.6	202.2	421.0	833.5	4 173.9
November	1 567.6	381.3	311.3	432.0	196.1	437.4	826.5	4 152.3
December	1 582.3	374.0	304.0	418.8	199.9	445.4	854.4	4 178.8
2000								
January	1 538.1	367.2	289.2	439.7	216.7	437.5	845.9	4 134.4

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

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

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

	Latest period	New South Wales			Australia		
		Latest figure	Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year	Latest figure	Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year
		no.	%	%	no.	%	%
Passenger vehicles	Jan 2000	17 675	-10.2	-7.2	53 510	2.2	-2.0
Other vehicles (excluding motor cycles)	Jan 2000	3 672	-16.5	2.3	11 027	-9.0	-0.6
Total registrations (excluding motor cycles)	Jan 2000	21 347	-11.3	-5.7	64 537	0.1	-1.7

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

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

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

	Passenger vehicles	Other vehicles (excluding motor cycles)	Total (excluding motor cycles)
	no.	no.	no.
1998			
November	19 442	3 373	22 815
December	19 698	3 493	23 191
1999			
January	19 048	3 588	22 636
February	18 398	3 354	21 752
March	19 292	3 574	22 865
April	19 504	3 372	22 876
May	18 845	3 184	22 029
June	19 442	3 363	22 805
July	19 633	3 748	23 381
August	17 713	3 449	21 162
September	18 022	3 553	21 574
October	17 819	3 802	21 621
November	18 426	3 942	22 368
December	19 679	4 395	24 074
2000			
January	17 675	3 672	21 347

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

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

14 ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS(a) NSW AND AUSTRALIA—ORIGINAL

	New South Wales						Australia	
	Unit	Latest period	Latest figure	Change	Change	Latest figure	Change	Change
				from prior period	from same period prior year		from prior period	from same period prior year
			%	%		%	%	
Room nights	'000	Dec qtr 99	3 423.1	2.3	6.6	10 413.6	0.2	5.1
Room occupancy rate	%	Dec qtr 99	60.9	-0.3	1.8	59.7	-1.8	0.5
Takings	\$'000	Dec qtr 99	395 165	5.4	10.0	1 112 447	3.2	6.6

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

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

15 ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS(a) SYDNEY AND NSW—ORIGINAL

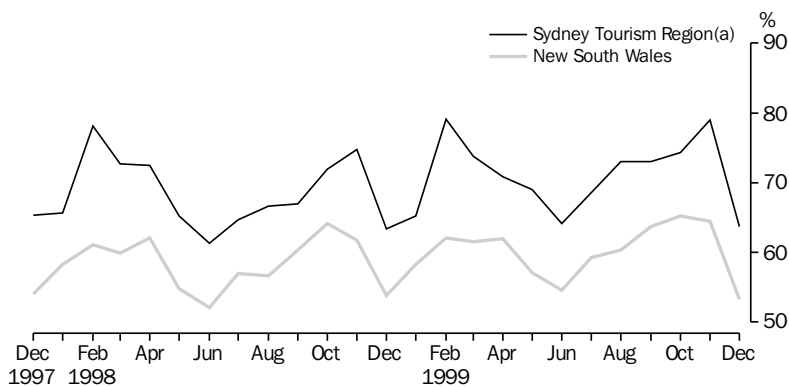
	Sydney Tourism Region(b)			New South Wales		
	Room nights	Room occupancy rate	Takings	Room nights	Room occupancy rate	Takings
	'000	%	\$'000	'000	%	\$'000
1998						
September qtr	1 640.0	66.1	222 944	3 077.3	57.9	342 102
December qtr	1 777.0	70.0	246 125	3 210.5	59.8	359 172
1999						
March qtr	1 828.8	72.5	248 997	3 213.2	60.6	360 674
June qtr	1 731.3	68.0	226 273	3 099.9	57.9	332 669
Sept qtr	1 865.9	71.6	247 543	3 345.0	61.1	375 014
December qtr	1 962.5	72.3	276 165	3 423.1	60.9	395 165

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

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

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

16 ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS,
MONTHLY ROOM OCCUPANCY RATE—ORIGINAL



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

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

17 CONSUMER AND PRODUCER PRICE INDEXES—NSW AND AUSTRALIA

	Unit	Latest period	New South Wales(a)			Australia(b)		
			Latest figure	Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year	Latest figure	Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year
				%	%		%	%
Consumer Price Index (all groups)	1989-90 =100.0	Dec qtr 99	124.7	0.5	1.9	124.1	0.6	1.8
Price index of materials used in house building (all groups)	1989-90 =100.0	Dec qtr 99	124.4	0.6	2.1	121.5	0.8	1.5
Price index of materials used in building other than house building (all groups)	1989-90 =100.0	Dec qtr 99	115.3	0.2	0.2	115.4	0.2	0.2

(a) Refers to State capital city—Sydney.

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

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

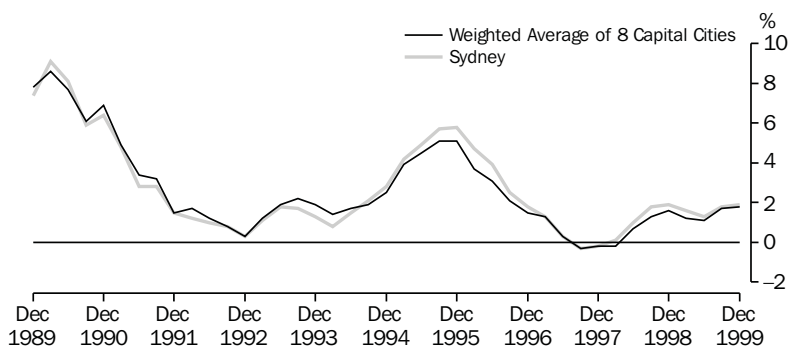
18 CONSUMER AND PRODUCER PRICE INDEXES—NSW(a)

	Consumer Price Index, all groups	Price Index of materials used in house building, all groups	Price Index of materials used in building other than house building, all groups
	1989-90 = 100.0	1989-90 = 100.0	1989-90 = 100.0
1998			
September qtr	121.9	120.8	115.0
December qtr	122.4	121.8	115.1
1999			
March qtr	122.6	122.0	115.2
June qtr	123.0	121.8	115.4
September qtr	124.1	123.7	115.1
December qtr	124.7	124.4	115.3

(a) Refers to State capital city—Sydney.

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

19 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE



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

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

	Latest period	New South Wales			Australia		
		Latest figure \$m	Change from prior period %	Change from same period prior year %	Latest figure \$m	Change from prior period %	Change from same period prior year %
Lending commitments for the construction or purchase of dwellings—							
Construction of dwellings	Jan 2000	226	-17.5	28.6	756	-20.6	34.7
Purchase of newly erected dwellings	Jan 2000	70	-21.8	11.6	186	-17.3	10.2
Purchase of established dwellings(a)	Jan 2000	1 404	-25.8	37.0	3 435	-22.2	29.3
Refinancing of existing dwellings	Jan 2000	309	-25.6	24.2	799	-20.1	27.8
Lending commitments for alterations and additions	Jan 2000	83	-20.5	13.3	213	-19.5	15.4
Total lending commitments to individuals for housing(b)	Jan 2000	2 010	-24.8	32.9	5 175	-21.5	29.0
Total lending commitments to individuals for housing (seasonally adjusted)(b)	Jan 2000	2 712	-2.9	29.9	6 531	-1.4	26.8

(a) Excludes refinancing.

(b) Excludes alterations and additions.

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

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

	Lending commitments for the construction or purchase of dwellings					Total lending commitments to individuals for housing(b)	
	Construction of dwellings	Purchase of newly erected dwellings	Purchase of established dwellings(a)	Refinancing of existing dwellings	Lending commitments for alterations and additions	Original	Seasonally adjusted
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1996-97	2 117	1 234	12 566	4 062	1 221	19 979	..
1997-98	2 625	1 280	14 445	3 573	1 174	21 923	..
1998-99	2 990	1 147	16 761	4 026	1 126	24 925	..
1998							
November	229	100	1 357	337	91	2 024	1 987
December	235	96	1 343	295	82	1 970	2 069
1999							
January	176	63	1 025	249	74	1 512	2 087
February	239	75	1 223	312	89	1 849	1 969
March	341	106	1 741	407	126	2 595	2 214
April	242	79	1 600	333	97	2 255	2 271
May	276	96	1 787	364	110	2 524	2 387
June	300	116	1 851	418	105	2 686	2 476
July	271	96	1 786	335	93	2 489	2 410
August	286	90	1 800	396	96	2 572	2 525
September	315	101	1 841	394	106	2 652	2 524
October	290	104	1 956	418	110	2 768	2 993
November	329	115	2 122	460	120	3 026	2 889
December	275	90	1 893	415	105	2 672	2 792
2000							
January	226	70	1 404	309	83	2 010	2 712

(a) Excludes refinancing.

(b) Excludes alterations and additions.

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

	Preliminary Actual		Estimates	
	1998-99	1999-2000	1998-99	1999-2000
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<i>July-January</i>				
Current receipts—				
Stamp duties	3 947	3 747	2 286	2 639
Payroll tax	3 617	3 637	2 087	2 175
Land tax	958	859	156	145
Motor vehicle taxes	1 055	977	596	568
Gaming and betting	1 419	1 558	817	924
Commonwealth safety net taxes	1 975	1 989	1 192	1 208
Other taxes	1 251	1 245	709	691
Commonwealth general purpose grants	4 687	5 162	2 730	3 013
Commonwealth specific purpose grants	3 464	3 449	1 990	1 983
Dividends/tax equivalents	1 280	1 173	992	805
Other current receipts	1 316	1 256	694	673
<i>Total current receipts</i>	<i>24 969</i>	<i>25 052</i>	<i>14 249</i>	<i>14 824</i>
Current payments—				
Interest payments	1 393	1 124	755	510
Superannuation	1 499	1 640	830	948
Subsidies to non-budget sector—				
Redundancies	n.a.	86	42	46
Services	n.a.	840	611	432
Total	990	926	653	478
Departmental payments—				
Redundancies	n.a.	98	39	49
Health	n.a.	5 949	3 355	3 494
Education(a)	n.a.	5 440	3 000	3 073
Law and order(b)	n.a.	1 862	1 016	1 094
Community services	n.a.	1 253	663	792
Other	n.a.	6 105	3 321	3 333
Total	20 406	20 707	11 394	11 835
Treasurer's advances(c)	..	160	..	..
Less User charges	-2 092	-2 110	-1 166	-1 268
<i>Total current outlays</i>	<i>22 196</i>	<i>22 447</i>	<i>12 466</i>	<i>12 503</i>
Current result surplus/deficit(-)	2 773	2 605	1 783	2 321
Capital receipts—				
Commonwealth specific purpose grants	831	784	415	361
Other capital receipts	437	151	14	2
<i>Total capital receipts</i>	<i>1 268</i>	<i>935</i>	<i>429</i>	<i>363</i>
Capital outlays—				
Gross fixed capital payments	2 946	2 798	1 341	1 387
Capital grants	1 102	1 104	504	540
Less Asset sales	-597	-576	-390	-231
<i>Total capital outlays</i>	<i>3 451</i>	<i>3 326</i>	<i>1 455</i>	<i>1 696</i>
Capital result surplus/deficit(-)	-2 183	-2 391	-1 026	-1 333
Government Finance Statistics result surplus/deficit(-)	590	214	757	988

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

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

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

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

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

Type of asset—	Latest period	New South Wales			Australia		
		Latest figure	Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year	Latest figure	Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year
		\$m	%	%	\$m	%	%
New buildings and structures	Dec qtr 99	891	-4.5	-17.9	2 809	-4.3	-24.0
Equipment, plant and machinery	Dec qtr 99	2 535	-1.0	-2.1	7 546	-0.7	-4.0
Total	Dec qtr 99	3 426	-2.0	-6.8	10 355	-1.7	-10.4

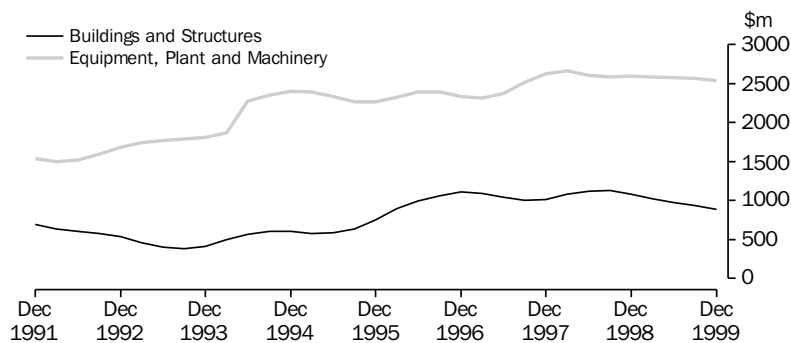
Source: State Estimates of Private New Capital Expenditure (Cat. no. 5646.0).

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

	Type of asset		
	New buildings and structures	Equipment, plant and machinery	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m
1998			
September qtr	1 126	2 589	3 715
December qtr	1 085	2 590	3 675
1999			
March qtr	1 026	2 589	3 615
June qtr	975	2 573	3 548
September qtr	933	2 562	3 495
December qtr	891	2 535	3 426

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

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



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

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

	Latest period	New South Wales			Australia		
		Latest figure	Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year	Latest figure	Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year
Overseas imports into NSW	Jan 2000	3 455	-13.2	14.4	8 114	-8.9	12.2
Total overseas exports(c)	Jan 2000	1 318	-16.6	-1.4	6 403	-18.9	9.0
Export commodities and SITC(d) code—							
Meat and meat preparations (01)	Jan 2000	67	-29.8	-4.6	213	-46.0	-5.5
Cereals and cereal preparations (04)	Jan 2000	67	-41.4	-39.6	380	-20.7	-33.0
Wool and other animal hair (268)	Jan 2000	54	-35.2	27.2	183	-33.0	16.7
Coal, coke and briquettes (32)	Jan 2000	259	21.5	-23.3	669	2.6	-14.8
Iron and steel (67)	Jan 2000	51	-24.4	-24.4	80	-30.9	-20.1
Aluminium (684)	Jan 2000	99	-11.1	-2.8	290	-4.0	10.4
Office machines & automatic data processing machines (75)	Jan 2000	23	-25.7	25.1	34	-50.4	-19.8

(a) Figures shown are Customs value.

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

(c) Excludes re-exported goods.

(d) Standard International Trade Classification Revision 3.

Source: International Trade database.

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

	Overseas exports of SITC(c) commodities									
	Overseas imports into NSW	Total overseas exports(d)	Meat and meat preparations (01)	Cereals and cereal preparations (04)	Wool and other animal hair (268)	Coal, coke and briquettes (32)	Iron and steel (67)	Aluminium (684)	Office machines and automatic data processing machines (75)	
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	
1996-97	34 229	17 730	784	1 540	859	3 426	968	993	535	
1997-98	38 481	19 678	923	1 588	1 061	4 048	1 167	1 224	522	
1998-99	42 142	18 010	948	r1214	685	3 766	958	1 151	360	
1998										
November	3 746	1 547	85	84	73	332	81	91	26	
December	3 466	1 683	84	r142	67	364	70	91	24	
1999										
January	3 020	1 337	70	r112	42	337	68	102	18	
February	3 093	1 325	79	99	61	272	70	78	25	
March	3 760	1 493	91	112	55	305	83	107	29	
April	3 386	1 292	74	95	41	234	56	79	r30	
May	3 603	1 511	75	83	57	283	103	93	42	
June	3 594	1 454	76	111	46	260	59	95	33	
July	r3497	1 518	83	108	54	298	45	104	35	
August	3 807	r1543	85	106	50	279	48	96	38	
September	4 100	1 574	82	94	69	248	59	107	31	
October	3 760	r1557	r91	103	78	239	53	105	31	
November	r4261	r1578	90	107	r92	244	67	104	r37	
December	r3979	r1581	r95	115	r83	r213	r68	r112	31	
2000										
January	3 455	1 318	67	67	54	259	51	99	23	

(a) Figures shown are Customs value.

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

(c) Standard International Trade Classification Revision 3.

(d) Excludes re-exported goods.

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