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GENERAL	<p>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.</p>	
SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT AND TREND ESTIMATION	<p>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. 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. For an explanation of seasonal adjustment derivation, refer to the publication <i>Seasonally Adjusted Indicators</i> (Cat. no. 1308.0).</p>	
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NSW OVERVIEW

EMPLOYMENT	Employment in NSW fell by 0.3% in January 2001 to a seasonally adjusted figure of 3,015,600. National employment in January 2001 was 9,083,200.
UNEMPLOYMENT	Unemployment in NSW was a seasonally adjusted figure of 191,900 in January 2001. The unemployment rate remained steady at 6.0% in January 2001. The national unemployment rate was 6.7%, an increase of 0.1 percentage points from December 2000.
INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES	In NSW in November 2000 there were 9,200 working days lost due to industrial disputes, an increase of 73.6% on the working days lost in the previous month. Nationally there were 21,200 working days lost due to industrial disputes in November 2000.
PRODUCTION	Coal production for December 2000 was 9,316,000 tonnes, a decrease of 31.0% from the previous month. Nationally, there was 22,929,000 tonnes of coal produced.
BUILDING APPROVALS	The seasonally adjusted number of new dwelling units approved for NSW in December 2000 decreased by 4.0% from the previous month to 2,940 dwelling units. This was a decrease of 36.8% on the corresponding month of the previous year. Nationally, there were 10,440 new dwelling units, an increase of 4.5% from the previous month.
RETAIL	In seasonally adjusted terms, total retail sales for NSW in December 2000 was \$4,406.2 million. This was an increase of 0.6% on the previous month.
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS	New motor vehicle registrations for NSW in seasonally adjusted terms in January 2001 decreased by 12.4% compared to the previous month to 22,114 registrations.
FINANCE	The seasonally adjusted value of housing finance commitments for owner occupation in NSW in December 2000 was \$2,526 million, an increase of 12.7% on the previous month and a decrease of 8.7% on December 1999.
GOVERNMENT FINANCE STATISTICS (GFS)	The underlying General Government operating surplus for the six months ended 31 December 2000 was \$586 million. The General Government Net Lending result for the six months ended 31 December 2000 was \$585 million.
IMPORTS AND EXPORTS	The customs value of imports into NSW during December 2000 was \$4,242 million, a decrease of 14.1% on November 2000. The value of exports (FOB) from NSW in December 2000 was \$2,008 million, an increase of 1.7% over the same period.

MAIN FEATURES

RETAIL

In seasonally adjusted terms, total retail sales for NSW increased from \$4,380.6 million in November 2000 to \$4,406.2 million in December 2000. Over this period there was no significant movement for any of the industry groups. Comparing December 1999 with December 2000, significant movements occurred for the Household good retailing (up 15.8% to \$485.4 million) and the Recreational good retailing (up 11.2% to \$208.1 million) industry groups.

Nationally, in seasonally adjusted terms, total retail sales in December 2000 was \$12,778.9 million, up from the previous month's figure of \$12,680.7 million. No significant movement occurred for any of the industry groups between November 2000 and December 2000, nor between December 1999 and December 2000.

FINANCE

The seasonally adjusted estimate for the value of housing finance in NSW was \$2,526 million in December 2000, a rise of 12.7% from November 2000 and an overall decrease of 8.7% since December 1999. Nationally, the seasonally adjusted value of lending commitments for housing finance rose by 11.2% to \$6,037 million in December 2000 and was 8.6% lower than in December 1999.

In original terms, total commitments in NSW in December 2000 fell by 15.6% to \$2,255 million, compared to December 1999. Over the same period, there were increases in commitments for re-financing of existing dwellings which rose by 3.9% to \$431 million and commitments for the purchase of newly erected dwellings which rose 1.1% to \$91 million. Commitments for the construction of dwellings decreased 49.5% to \$139 million and commitments for the purchase of established dwellings fell by 15.8% to \$1,594 million.

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1 ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION — NSW

	Estimated resident population at end of period			Increase during period			Mean estimated resident population for year ended	
	Males	Females	Persons	Natural increase(a)	Net estimated migration	Total increase	30 June	31 December
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
1997	3 129.0	3 171.5	6 300.5	40.9	17.6	58.5	6 240.9	6 276.1
1998	3 164.5	3 204.0	6 368.5	39.9	28.1	68.1	6 303.5	6 335.7
1999	3 199.8	3 236.9	6 436.7	42.3	25.8	68.2	6 367.3	6 398.3
1999								
March qtr	3 171.0	3 210.5	6 381.5	10.7	2.3	13.0	..	..
June qtr	3 179.2	3 217.5	6 396.7	10.1	5.1	15.2	..	..
September qtr	3 187.8	3 224.7	6 412.5	8.1	7.7	15.8	..	..
December qtr	3 198.5	3 235.1	6 433.6	13.4	7.7	21.1	..	..
2000								
March qtr	3 205.0	3 240.6	6 445.7	7.6	4.5	12.1	..	..
June qtr	3 214.6	3 248.9	6 463.5	12.5	5.2	17.8	..	..

(a) Excess of live births over deaths.

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

2 LABOUR — NSW AND AUSTRALIA

	Unit	New South Wales					Australia		
		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	January 2001	3 015.6	-0.3	1.4	9 083.2	—	2.0	
Unemployed persons (seasonally adjusted)	'000	January 2001	191.9	-0.3	1.3	648.9	0.9	-0.9	
Labour force (seasonally adjusted)	'000	January 2001	3 207.5	-0.3	1.4	9 732.1	—	1.8	
Participation rate (seasonally adjusted)	%	January 2001	61.9	-0.3	0.2	63.5	-0.2	0.5	
Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)	%	January 2001	6.0	—	—	6.7	0.2	-2.9	
Industrial disputes — working days lost	'000	November 2000	9.2	73.6	-92.4	21.2	-29.6	-85.9	
Job vacancies	'000	November 2000	40.4	-8.0	9.5	118.2	-7.4	14.5	
Average weekly employee earnings — full-time adult ordinary time earnings (seasonally adjusted)	\$	August 2000	834.9	1.2	5.9	798.3	1.9	6.1	

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

3 LABOUR — NSW

	Seasonally adjusted						
	Employed persons	Unemployed persons	Labour force	Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Industrial disputes (working days lost)	Job vacancies
	'000	'000	'000	%	%	'000	'000
1999							
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	7.5	..
February	3 004.5	186.4	3 190.9	62.3	5.8	20.1	46.4
March	3 013.9	193.3	3 207.2	62.5	6.0	11.8	..
April	3 038.2	181.8	3 220.0	62.7	5.6	20.0	..
May	3 053.4	185.1	3 238.5	63.0	5.7	47.1	41.8
June	3 038.4	187.9	3 226.3	62.7	5.8	16.5	..
July	3 060.2	173.4	3 233.6	62.7	5.4	7.5	..
August	3 070.3	178.6	3 248.9	63.0	5.5	8.7	43.9
September	3 059.7	176.8	3 236.5	62.7	5.5	8.3	..
October	3 040.5	176.2	3 216.7	62.2	5.5	5.3	..
November	3 013.8	185.4	3 199.2	61.9	5.8	9.2	40.4
December	3 023.9	192.5	3 216.4	62.1	6.0	n.y.a.	..
2001							
January	3 015.6	191.9	3 207.5	61.9	6.0	n.y.a.	..

Source: Industrial Disputes, Australia (Cat. no. 6321.0); Job Vacancies, 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									
January									
1997	1 437.2	1 604.7	132.0	150.5	1 755.3	655.2	2 410.5	8.6	72.8
1998	1 442.6	1 617.2	125.4	140.0	1 757.2	686.1	2 443.3	8.0	71.9
1999	1 447.1	1 633.0	124.6	140.8	1 773.8	703.8	2 477.5	7.9	71.6
1999									
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
March	1 494.2	1 701.8	93.5	114.1	1 815.9	708.2	2 524.0	6.3	71.9
April	1 504.7	1 716.6	81.8	100.5	1 817.1	710.5	2 527.6	5.5	71.9
May	1 504.2	1 719.5	79.7	98.2	1 817.7	713.5	2 531.1	5.4	71.8
June	1 517.3	1 718.7	86.3	100.5	1 819.2	715.5	2 534.7	5.5	71.8
July	1 528.2	1 732.5	81.4	99.6	1 832.1	705.5	2 537.6	5.4	72.2
August	1 492.5	1 701.7	87.1	101.2	1 802.8	737.7	2 540.5	5.6	71.0
September	1 519.3	1 738.0	85.8	106.6	1 844.6	698.9	2 543.5	5.8	72.5
October	1 506.1	1 719.3	85.0	101.5	1 820.9	724.6	2 545.5	5.6	71.5
November	1 489.4	1 700.1	88.3	104.8	1 805.0	742.5	2 547.4	5.8	70.9
December	1 512.9	1 727.2	94.4	113.4	1 840.5	708.9	2 549.4	6.2	72.2
2001									
January	1 473.0	1 680.0	107.4	126.0	1 806.1	745.2	2 551.3	7.0	70.8
FEMALES									
January									
1997	731.6	1 184.0	74.4	105.8	1 289.8	1 212.3	2 502.1	8.2	51.5
1998	723.3	1 187.6	70.7	102.1	1 289.7	1 243.7	2 533.4	7.9	50.9
1999	739.5	1 218.0	62.6	90.1	1 308.0	1 257.1	2 565.1	6.9	51.0
1999									
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
March	771.1	1 307.8	57.0	92.4	1 400.2	1 205.4	2 605.6	6.6	53.7
April	791.3	1 318.7	52.1	82.4	1 401.1	1 207.3	2 608.4	5.9	53.7
May	784.9	1 324.9	53.2	83.7	1 408.7	1 202.5	2 611.2	5.9	53.9
June	783.4	1 326.0	39.8	76.1	1 402.2	1 211.8	2 614.0	5.4	53.6
July	812.3	1 344.0	36.0	60.9	1 404.8	1 211.8	2 616.7	4.3	53.7
August	787.2	1 329.4	40.1	72.3	1 401.7	1 217.6	2 619.3	5.2	53.5
September	805.6	1 356.4	43.0	73.9	1 430.3	1 191.7	2 622.0	5.2	54.6
October	784.8	1 332.5	40.1	67.7	1 400.2	1 223.3	2 623.5	4.8	53.4
November	787.6	1 318.1	43.6	70.6	1 388.7	1 236.2	2 624.9	5.1	52.9
December	799.2	1 344.3	53.4	76.2	1 420.5	1 205.9	2 626.4	5.4	54.1
2001									
January	785.8	1 298.3	48.3	77.1	1 375.4	1 252.2	2 627.7	5.6	52.3

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4 LABOUR FORCE STATUS, NSW — ORIGINAL — continued

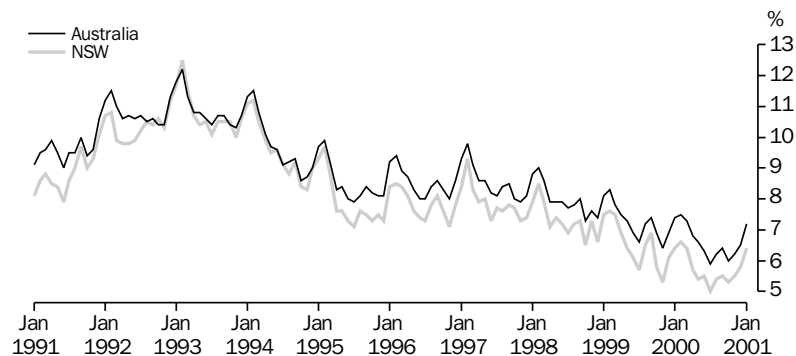
	<u>Employed</u>		<u>Unemployed</u>		<u>Labour force</u>	<u>Not in labour force</u>	<u>Civilian population aged 15 years and over</u>	<u>Unemployment rate(a)</u>	<u>Participation rate(b)</u>
	<u>Full-time workers</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Looking for full-time work</u>	<u>Total</u>					
	'000	'000	'000	'000					
PERSONS									
January									
1997	2 168.9	2 788.8	206.4	256.3	3 045.1	1 867.5	4 912.6	8.4	62.0
1998	2 165.9	2 804.8	196.1	242.1	3 046.9	1 929.8	4 976.7	7.9	61.2
1999	2 186.6	2 850.9	187.1	230.9	3 081.8	1 960.9	5 042.6	7.5	61.1
1999									
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
March	2 265.4	3 009.6	150.4	206.5	3 216.1	1 913.6	5 129.7	6.4	62.7
April	2 296.0	3 035.3	133.9	182.9	3 218.2	1 917.8	5 136.0	5.7	62.7
May	2 289.1	3 044.4	132.8	181.9	3 226.3	1 916.0	5 142.3	5.6	62.7
June	2 300.6	3 044.7	126.0	176.6	3 221.3	1 927.3	5 148.6	5.5	62.6
July	2 340.5	3 076.5	117.4	160.5	3 237.0	1 917.3	5 154.3	5.0	62.8
August	2 279.7	3 031.1	127.2	173.4	3 204.6	1 955.3	5 159.9	5.4	62.1
September	2 324.9	3 094.4	128.9	180.5	3 274.9	1 890.6	5 165.5	5.5	63.4
October	2 290.9	3 051.8	125.1	169.2	3 221.1	1 947.9	5 169.0	5.3	62.3
November	2 277.0	3 018.2	131.9	175.4	3 193.7	1 978.7	5 172.4	5.5	61.7
December	2 312.2	3 071.4	147.8	189.6	3 261.0	1 914.8	5 175.8	5.8	63.0
2001									
January	2 258.8	2 978.4	155.7	203.1	3 181.5	1 997.5	5 179.0	6.4	61.4

(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 AND ELECTRICITY 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 2000	3 117	-45.1	-33.1	5 904	-33.6	-21.1	
Open cut	'000 tonnes	Dec 2000	6 199	-20.8	-12.3	17 025	-5.9	1.1	
Total	'000 tonnes	Dec 2000	9 316	-31.0	-20.6	22 929	-15.0	-5.7	
Electricity	mill. kWh	Dec qtr 2000	16 749	-13.2	9.6	45 977	-6.9	3.1	

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

7 COAL AND ELECTRICITY PRODUCTION, NSW — ORIGINAL

	Raw coal won			Electricity mill. kWh
	Underground	Open cut	Total	
	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	
1997-1998	58 299	75 710	134 009	61 804
1998-1999	51 158	80 209	131 367	63 743
1999-2000 r	52 591	79 700	132 292	65 934
1999				
July	4 560	6 706	11 266	16 977
August	3 861	6 442	10 303	
September	5 552	8 215	13 767	
October r	4 102	6 088	10 189	15 284
November r	4 340	6 213	10 553	
December r	4 662	7 066	11 728	
2000				
January	3 633	5 907	9 541	16 339
February	3 834	6 376	10 210	
March	4 799	6 549	11 348	
April	3 854	5 084	8 938	17 334
May	5 601	8 611	14 212	
June	3 793	6 443	10 237	
July	3 958	6 161	10 119	19 289
August	5 609	8 310	13 919	
September r	3 838	7 198	11 036	
October	4 523	6 976	11 499	16 749
November	5 679	7 830	13 509	
December	3 117	6 199	9 316	

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 %	Latest figure	Change from prior period %	Change from same period prior year %
Number of dwelling units(a) (seasonally adjusted (b))								
New houses	no.	Dec 2000	1 482	-5.2	-51.7	6 285	-6.4	-48.8
Total	no.	Dec 2000	2 940	-4.0	-36.8	10 440	4.5	-34.4
Value of new residential building (seasonally adjusted)	\$m	Dec 2000	382.9	-6.7	-35.3	1 463.3	10.7	-27.5
Value of alterations and additions to residential building(c) (seasonally adjusted)	\$m	Dec 2000	154.6	86.0	34.8	314.7	32.1	10.8
Value of non-residential building(d) (original)	\$m	Dec 2000	195.1	-27.7	-31.1	865.4	-10.2	3.1
Value of all building (original)	\$m	Dec 2000	676.5	-21.1	-31.2	2 391.3	-11.2	-20.3

(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) Seasonally adjusted and trend estimates to November 2000 have been revised. See *Building Approvals, Australia* (Cat. no. 8731.0).

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

(d) 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(b)			
	New houses		Total		Seasonally adjusted		Original	
	Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total	Alterations and additions to residential building	Non-residential building(d)	All building	
	no.	no.	no.	no.	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1997-1998	..	..	..	..	..	..	5 910.9	13 348.6
1998-1999 r	..	..	..	..	..	..	4 555.3	12 026.7
1999-2000	..	..	..	..	..	..	4 477.3	12 560.8
1999								
October r	2 713	2 738	4 616	4 757	582.3	116.1	269.6	912.8
November r	2 823	2 842	4 316	4 389	528.1	105.9	276.1	1 009.1
December r	3 049	3 066	4 605	4 651	591.7	114.7	283.0	983.4
2000								
January r	2 755	2 769	4 359	4 452	633.1	93.6	361.6	961.1
February r	2 914	2 930	4 305	4 419	574.7	124.9	284.0	961.5
March r	2 810	2 820	4 281	4 310	547.3	127.3	452.2	1 124.8
April r	2 191	2 212	3 606	3 747	484.6	121.9	533.7	1 064.1
May r	2 048	2 066	3 870	3 955	533.6	124.3	311.5	1 098.8
June r	1 876	1 883	3 162	3 285	447.8	83.3	350.0	860.9
July r	1 302	1 309	1 829	1 916	283.5	75.0	286.2	667.3
August r	1 472	1 481	2 370	2 439	372.0	78.2	274.5	761.4
September r	1 403	1 409	2 699	2 784	398.0	81.3	309.4	765.5
October r	1 725	1 735	3 529	3 573	458.5	115.6	380.8	938.8
November r	1 555	1 564	2 984	3 064	410.6	83.1	269.9	857.0
December	1 470	1 482	2 840	2 940	382.9	154.6	195.1	676.5

(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) From July 2000, value data for both residential and non-residential building approvals will be on a GST inclusive basis.

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

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

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

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

	Latest period	New South Wales			Australia		
		Latest figure		Change from prior period	Latest figure	Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year
		\$m	%	%	\$m	%	%
Food retailing	Dec 2000	1 632.2	1.3	1.8	5 093.5	1.0	3.3
Department stores	Dec 2000	392.4	4.5	4.6	1 119.2	4.4	4.1
Clothing and soft good retailing	Dec 2000	313.5	1.9	-2.7	877.3	3.8	4.5
Household good retailing	Dec 2000	485.4	0.6	15.8	1 476.9	-0.8	6.8
Recreational good retailing	Dec 2000	208.1	-1.7	11.2	586.0	-1.1	-2.2
Other retailing	Dec 2000	446.1	1.3	2.7	1 413.2	1.2	8.8
Hospitality and services	Dec 2000	928.5	-2.4	7.9	2 212.8	-1.3	5.5
Total value of retail sales	Dec 2000	4 406.2	0.6	4.8	12 778.9	0.8	4.5

(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.).

(b) Data from July 2000 reference month onwards are recorded inclusive of GST.

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

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

	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
1999								
October	1 579.7	376.2	316.4	459.9	188.8	426.1	846.0	4 193.2
November	1 595.1	375.2	328.7	433.8	184.2	438.5	846.5	4 202.0
December	1 604.0	375.0	322.2	419.2	187.2	434.2	860.6	4 202.4
2000								
January	1 539.7	372.2	313.6	438.3	198.2	423.9	851.4	4 137.4
February	1 540.9	375.9	292.4	456.5	196.6	431.3	862.7	4 156.4
March	1 553.3	373.8	320.4	451.9	200.1	426.6	872.8	4 198.9
April	1 561.1	376.3	302.7	447.3	201.4	428.3	873.1	4 190.2
May	1 555.1	382.2	312.4	462.6	208.0	440.0	875.4	4 235.6
June	1 586.7	464.0	374.0	580.1	204.7	479.4	887.3	4 576.2
July	1 598.8	298.9	277.0	427.1	221.7	394.3	927.8	4 145.6
August	1 639.7	398.2	299.8	471.1	214.4	424.4	992.7	4 440.3
September	1 649.2	393.0	365.9	466.0	207.1	461.6	1 056.1	4 598.9
October	1 633.3	388.2	309.8	470.9	211.9	449.7	982.9	4 446.8
November	1 611.8	375.6	307.8	482.3	211.6	440.3	951.2	4 380.6
December	1 632.2	392.4	313.5	485.4	208.1	446.1	928.5	4 406.2

(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.).

(b) Data from July 2000 reference month onwards are recorded inclusive of GST.

(c) Data for previous months have been revised due to concurrent seasonal adjustment methodology. See Explanatory Notes in Retail Trade, Australia (Cat. no. 8501.0).

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

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

	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 2001	18 585	-14.8	4.1	55 635	-12.8	2.6
Other vehicles (excluding motor cycles)	Jan 2001	3 529	2.9	-5.9	10 676	-0.7	-6.4
Total registrations (excluding motor cycles)	Jan 2001	22 114	-12.4	2.4	66 311	-11.1	1.0

(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.

(b) The changes to the seasonally adjusted series result from the annual re-estimation of seasonal factors.

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

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

	Passenger vehicles	Other vehicles (excluding motor cycles)	Total (excluding motor cycles)
	no.	no.	no.
1999			
November	18 565	3 871	22 436
December	19 017	4 230	23 247
2000			
January	17 846	3 751	21 597
February	18 467	3 865	22 332
March	17 932	3 538	21 470
April	17 608	3 581	21 189
May	16 985	3 670	20 655
June	13 466	3 651	17 117
July	23 670	3 066	26 736
August	23 809	3 616	27 425
September	19 247	3 387	22 634
October	18 823	3 328	22 151
November	19 611	3 063	22 673
December	21 804	3 430	25 234
2001			
January	18 585	3 529	22 114

(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.

(b) The changes to the seasonally adjusted series result from the annual re-estimation of seasonal factors.

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

14 ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS(a) NSW AND AUSTRALIA — ORIGINAL

	Unit	New South Wales				Australia		
		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
				%	%		%	%
Room nights	'000	Sept qtr 2000	3 543.3	6.6	5.9	10 448.6	4.5	0.5
Room occupancy rate	%	Sept qtr 2000	59.7	2.8	-2.3	58.4	2.3	-3.9
Takings(b)	\$'000	Sept qtr 2000	555 244	48.5	48.1	1 302 158	25.3	20.8

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

(b) Includes GST.

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(c)	Room nights	Room occupancy rate	Takings
	'000	%	\$'000	'000	%	\$'000
1999						
June qtr	1 731.3	68.0	226 273	3 099.9	57.9	332 827
September 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
2000						
March qtr 2000	1 980.0	71.7	279 374	3 388.1	60.3	397 869
June qtr 2000	1 902.6	67.1	258 225	3 324.0	58.1	374 005
September qtr 2000	2 093.6	69.6	412 378	3 543.3	59.7	555 244

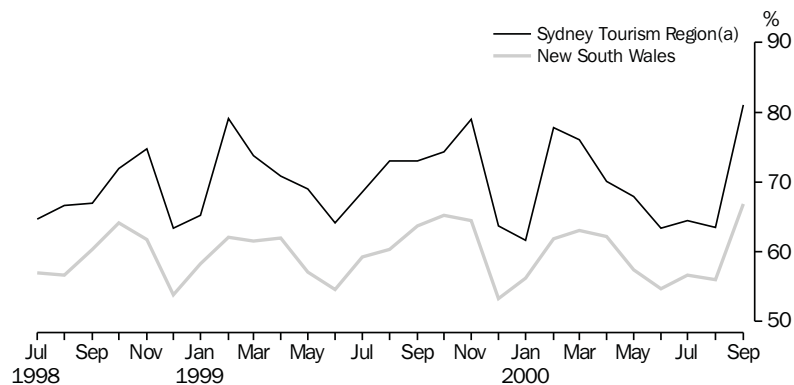
(a) Licensed hotels with facilities, motels and guest houses and serviced apartments with 15 or more rooms or units.

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

(c) Takings after 1 July 2000 are on a GST inclusive basis.

Source: *Tourist Accommodation, Small Area Data, New South Wales (Cat. 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	New South Wales(a)				Australia(b)		
		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 %
Consumer Price Index (all groups)	1989-90 =100.0	Dec qtr 2000	132.2	0.5	6.0	131.3	0.3	5.8
Price index of materials used in house building (all groups)	1989-90 =100.0	Dec qtr 2000	129.8	-0.2	4.3	124.4	-0.1	2.4
Price index of materials used in building other than house building (all groups)	1989-90 =100.0	Dec qtr 2000	115.7	0.3	0.3	116.3	0.7	0.8

(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).

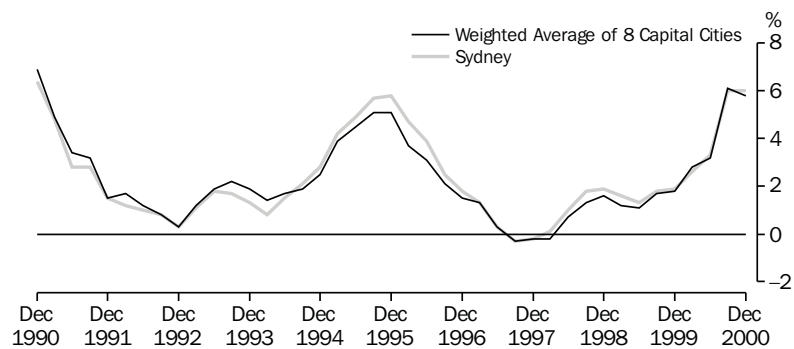
18 CONSUMER AND PRODUCER PRICE INDEXES — NSW(a)

	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
1999			
September qtr	124.1	123.7	115.1
December qtr	124.7	124.4	115.3
2000			
March qtr	125.8	128.0	116.4
June qtr	127.0	131.2	117.3
September qtr	131.6	130.0	115.4
December qtr	132.2	129.8	115.7

(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	Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year	Latest figure	Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year						
								\$m	%	%	\$m	%	%
Lending commitments for the construction or purchase of dwellings —													
Construction of dwellings	Dec 2000	139	-8.6	-49.5	493	-8.7	-48.2						
Purchase of newly erected dwellings	Dec 2000	91	5.8	1.1	215	3.9	-4.4						
Purchase of established dwellings(a)	Dec 2000	1 594	-5.7	-15.8	3 758	-6.1	-14.9						
Refinancing of existing dwellings	Dec 2000	431	-11.9	3.9	1 049	-10.0	4.9						
Lending commitments for alterations and additions	Dec 2000	83	-4.6	-21.0	250	-3.8	-5.3						
Total lending commitments to individuals for housing(b)	Dec 2000	2 255	-6.7	-15.6	5 515	-6.8	-16.3						
Total lending commitments to individuals for housing (seasonally adjusted)(b)	Dec 2000	2 526	12.7	-8.7	6 037	11.2	-8.6						

(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
1997-1998	2 625	1 280	14 445	3 573	1 174	21 923	..
1998-1999	2 990	1 147	16 761	4 026	1 126	24 925	..
1999-2000	3 268	1 129	21 637	4 993	1 271	31 027	..
1999							
October	290	104	1 956	418	110	2 768	2 894
November	329	115	2 122	460	120	3 026	2 816
December	275	90	1 893	415	105	2 672	2 768
2000							
January	226	70	1 404	309	83	2 010	2 713
February	324	103	1 759	423	114	2 609	2 656
March	296	101	1 956	488	123	2 842	2 492
April	213	77	1 581	358	94	2 229	2 407
May	246	94	1 909	524	119	2 772	2 402
June	197	86	1 629	474	105	2 386	2 232
July	170	71	1 436	451	89	2 129	2 166
August	166	88	1 710	480	91	2 444	2 336
September	152	83	1 467	418	84	2 120	2 165
October	147	69	1 362	455	88	2 033	2 051
November	152	86	1 690	489	87	2 416	2 241
December	139	91	1 594	431	83	2 255	2 526

(a) Excludes refinancing.

(b) Excludes alterations and additions.

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

22 NSW GOVERNMENT FINANCE, GENERAL GOVERNMENT SECTOR(a)

	Budget 12 months to 30/06/2001 \$m	Actual 6 months to 31/12/2000 \$m
State revenues		
Taxation	12 412	6 170
Commonwealth grants	12 780	6 236
Financial distributions	1 210	575
Fines, regulatory fees and other	792	450
<i>Total state revenues</i>	27 194	13 431
Operating revenues		
Sale of goods and services	2 171	1 127
Investment income	391	262
Grants and contributions	421	284
Other revenue	280	161
<i>Total operating revenues</i>	3 263	1 834
Expenses		
Employee related — superannuation	1 540	777
Employee related — other	12 157	6 028
Other operating	6 765	3 295
Maintenance	1 120	436
Depreciation and amortisation	995	710
Recurrent grants and subsidies	3 944	2 075
Capital grants and subsidies	1 397	604
Finance costs	1 287	782
<i>Total expenses</i>	29 205	14 707
Gain/(loss) on sale of non-current assets	-14	28
Net cost of services	25 956	12 845
Surplus (underlying)	1 238	586
Abnormal items	2 400	2 582
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	3 638	3 168
less valuation gains	-1 888	-2 254
GFS net operating balance	1 750	914
less capital acquisitions	-2 493	-1 122
plus depreciation	995	710
plus asset sales & other	407	83
<i>GFS net lending</i>	659	585

(a) Prior to the 2000–2001 Budget, NSW Government Finance Statistics were published on a cash basis. Monthly Government Finance Statistics reporting has now moved to an accruals framework.

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	Sep qtr 2000	985	2.0	5.3	3 012	3.1	5.1
Equipment, plant and machinery	Sep qtr 2000	3 181	6.3	24.3	7 523	-0.3	-1.1
Total	Sep qtr 2000	4 166	5.3	19.2	10 535	0.6	0.9

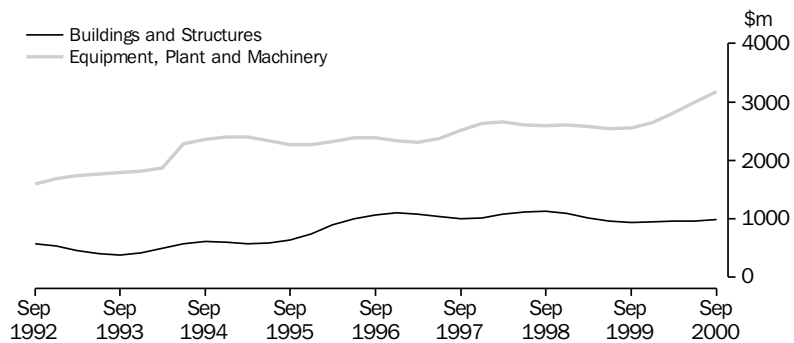
Source: State Estimates of Private New Capital Expenditure (Cat. no. 5646.0).

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

	Type of asset		Total
	New buildings and structures	Equipment, plant and machinery	
	\$m	\$m	
1999			
June qtr	959	2 543	3 502
September qtr	935	2 559	3 494
December qtr	948	2 647	3 595
2000			
March qtr	956	2 818	3 774
June qtr	966	2 992	3 958
September qtr	985	3 181	4 166

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
		\$m	%	%	\$m	%	%
Overseas imports into NSW	Dec 2000	4 242	-14.1	6.7	9 242	-16.0	3.6
Total overseas exports(c)	Dec 2000	2 008	1.7	26.9	9 831	-0.8	24.4
Export commodities and SITC(d) code							
Meat and meat preparations (01)	Dec 2000	104	-11.7	10.3	448	-9.4	13.5
Cereals and cereal preparations (04)	Dec 2000	117	-16.1	4.8	376	-11.6	-20.8
Wool and other animal hair (268)	Dec 2000	102	-8.8	22.3	294	-22.0	7.2
Coal, coke and briquettes (32)	Dec 2000	311	9.9	47.3	900	14.0	37.9
Iron and steel (67)	Dec 2000	12	12.2	-82.0	45	13.7	-61.1
Aluminium (684)	Dec 2000	129	-12.9	15.7	394	—	30.6
Office machines and automatic data processing machines (75)	Dec 2000	35	33.7	23.5	53	-0.1	-19.1

(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: ABS unpublished data, 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
1998-1999	42 142	17 948	948	1 234	685	3 766	958	1 151	333
1999-2000	47 927	18 966	1 047	1 270	826	3 092	831	1 341	379
1999									
October	3 765	1 550	91	103	78	239	53	105	29
November	4 272	1 579	90	107	93	244	67	104	34
December	3 975	1 583	94	112	83	211	68	112	28
2000									
January	3 462	1 331	68	68	55	261	50	101	22
February	3 731	1 515	86	114	72	226	60	122	32
March	4 341	1 637	95	123	78	238	79	132	43
April	3 534	1 612	87	94	59	285	98	109	35
May	4 580	1 771	93	118	69	295	109	122	30
June	4 866	1 768	93	112	66	268	94	129	29
July	4 493	1 779	101	138	66	318	64	129	31
August	4 947	1 826	99	143	66	301	67	135	27
September	4 472	1 887	89	149	78	292	10	134	30
October	5 071	2 040	120	160	114	337	10	148	37
November	4 935	1 975	118	139	112	283	11	149	26
December	4 242	2 008	104	117	102	311	12	129	35

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