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OVERVIEW

INTERNATIONAL ACCOUNTS

The value of merchandise exports, where the final stage of production was in South Australia, was \$551.9m for September 1999. This represents an increase of 1.9% over August 1999 and an increase of 15.3% over the corresponding month last year. Export shipments of South Australian wine in September 1999 was a record \$94.2m.

The value of merchandise imports released from Customs control in South Australia was \$320.4m in September 1999.

CONSUMPTION AND INVESTMENT

South Australia has shown growth in retail turnover for the three months to September 1999. Over this period the trend estimate for retail turnover increased by \$19.9m, with all industry groups recording positive growth. The main contributors were Household good retailing (\$6.1m) and Food retailing (\$5.2m). In original terms retail turnover for September 1999 was \$847.8m, an increase of 4.6% on September 1998.

The trend estimate for new motor vehicle registrations for September 1999 was 3,699. This was the sixth consecutive month of decrease and is 16.3% lower than the level of 12 months ago (4,419). In original terms there were 3,651 new motor vehicle registrations in September 1999.

The trend estimate at current prices for private new capital expenditure has continued to fall with June quarter 1999 recording \$503.0m, a decrease of 7.5% on the March quarter and 33.3% on June quarter 1998.

PRODUCTION

The trend for private sector houses approved increased for the ninth consecutive month and is now 18.7% higher than the last low experienced in December 1998. The trend for total dwelling units approved continued to grow in September and has increased 24.8% over the last ten months.

PRICES

The Consumer Price Index (all groups) in Adelaide increased 1.2% to 125.1 in the September Quarter 1999 and 1.7% from the same quarter last year. The main contributions to growth in Adelaide were Transportation (4.4%) and Housing (2.4%).

LABOUR FORCE AND DEMOGRAPHY

The trend estimate of employed persons in South Australia has increased since July 1998. The estimate for October 1999 (665,700) is 2.4% higher than the level of 12 months ago (650,000).

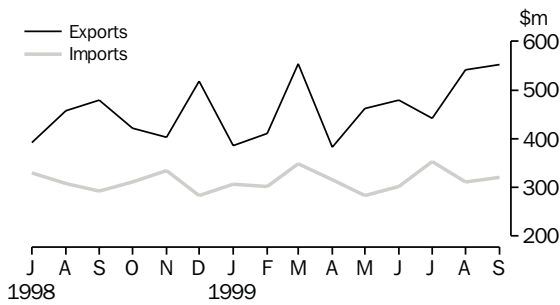
The trend estimate of the unemployment rate for South Australia while generally decreasing since July 1998, experienced a slight increase to 8.5% in October 1999. The rate was 9.7% in October 1998.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

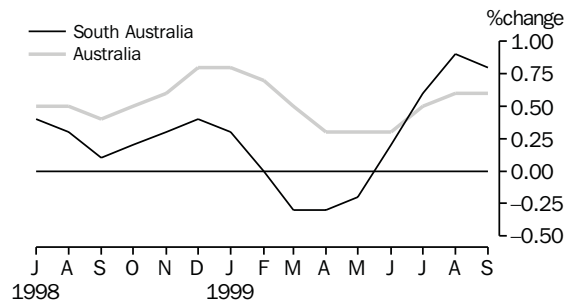
The trend estimate for the value of new housing commitments (excluding alterations and additions) increased 2.4% in September, with the rate of growth continuing to slow. Seasonally adjusted, the value rose 1.5% to \$348.0m, 42.0% above September 1998.

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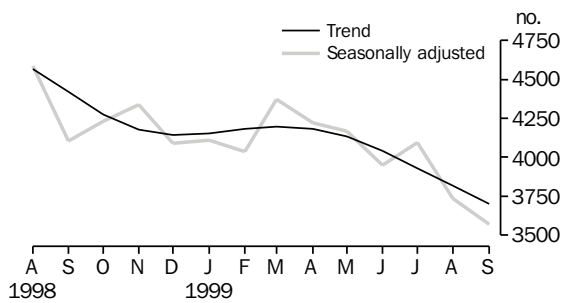
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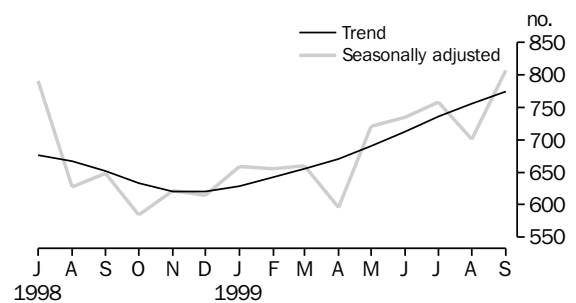
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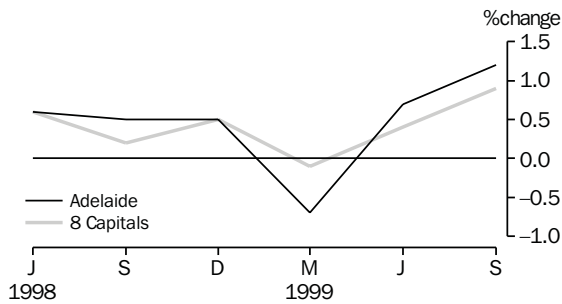
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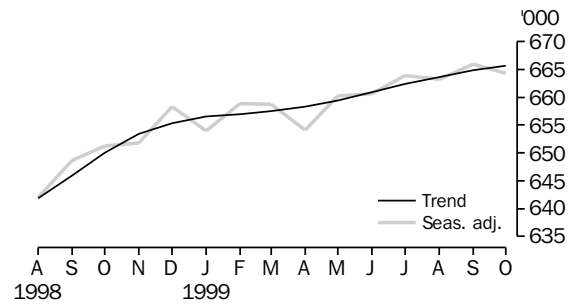
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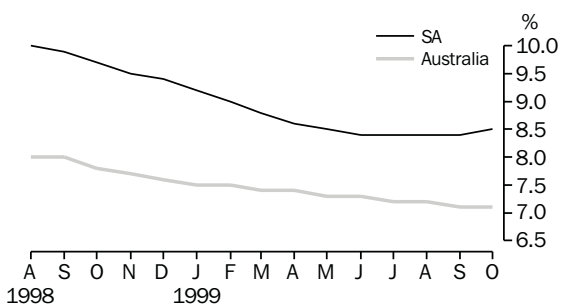
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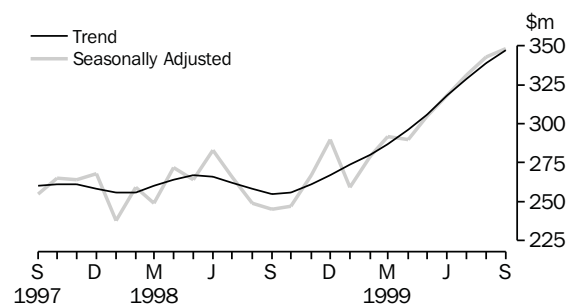
EMPLOYED PERSONS



UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: TREND



SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS (a)



(a) Excludes alterations and additions. Includes refinancing.

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Indicator	Period	South Australia			Australia			SA as a % of Aust.	Source index
		Number	% change from		Number	% change from			
			Previous period	Same period previous year		Previous period	Same period previous year		
State accounts									
Domestic final demand									
Current prices trend (\$m)	Jun qtr 99	10 292	0.0	0.8	153 864	1.4	6.0	6.7	(1)
Chain volume measures trend (\$m)	Jun qtr 99	10 111	-0.1	-0.2	150 862	1.0	4.6	6.7	(1)
Private final consumption expenditure									
Current prices trend (\$m)	Jun qtr 99	6 434	0.4	3.2	90 209	1.4	6.3	7.1	(1)
Chain volume measures trend (\$m)	Jun qtr 99	6 314	-0.1	1.9	88 735	1.2	5.1	7.1	(1)
Private gross fixed capital formation									
Current prices trend (\$m)	Jun qtr 99	1 502	-1.0	-10.2	29 214	0.5	3.2	5.1	(1)
Chain volume measures trend (\$m)	Jun qtr 99	1 486	-0.4	-10.2	28 609	0.3	2.8	5.2	(1)
Compensation of employees									
Current prices trend (\$m)	Jun qtr 99	4 944	2.0	5.0	73 620	1.5	6.4	6.7	(1)
International accounts									
Exports (\$m)	Sep 99	551.9	1.9	15.3	7 064.0	1.3	-2.1	7.8	(2)
Imports (\$m)	Sep 99	320.4	3.0	9.7	9 023.8	1.7	5.6	3.6	(2)
Consumption and investment									
Retail turnover									
Current prices original (\$m)	Sep 99	847.8	3.3	4.6	11 710.9	3.3	8.5	7.2	(3)
Current prices trend (\$m)	Sep 99	862.9	0.8	2.9	11 905.1	0.6	6.9	7.2	(3)
1997-98 chain volume measures (\$m)	Sep 99	2 453.9	4.8	2.5	33 890.0	3.7	6.1	7.2	(3)
New motor vehicle registrations									
Original (no.)	Sep 99	3 651	-5.2	-12.4	59 214	-1.1	-9.2	6.2	(4)
Trend (no.)	Sep 99	3 699	-3.1	-16.3	59 982	-2.3	-10.7	6.2	(4)
Private new capital expenditure									
Current prices original (\$m)	Jun qtr 99	504	-0.2	-37.2	10 691	2.5	-14.7	4.7	(5)
Current prices trend (\$m)	Jun qtr 99	503	-7.5	-33.3	10 478	-5.4	-11.5	4.8	(5)
Private new capital expenditure (\$m)	1998-99	2 277	..	-28.7	44 671	..	-3.3	5.1	(5)
Takings, licensed hotels, motels, guest houses and apartments with facilities (\$m)	Jun qtr 99	44.4	-2.3	10.1	946.4	-5.7	7.4	4.7	(6)
Production									
Dwelling unit approvals									
Original (no.)	Sep 99	907	17.6	22.2	14 826	-2.4	13.4	6.1	(7)
Trend (no.)	Sep 99	774	2.4	18.7	14 170	1.5	11.3	5.5	(7)
Dwelling units commenced (no.)	Jun qtr 99	1 826	11.0	17.2	36 887	7.2	-4.4	5.0	(8a)
Value of non-residential building approvals (\$m)	Sep 99	49.2	31.1	4.9	828.2	-24.4	-12.8	5.9	(7)
Value of total building activity									
Commenced (\$m)	Jun qtr 99	344.0	-21.8	-2.4	7 650.3	-0.2	-11.6	4.5	(8)
Work done (\$m)	Jun qtr 99	346.1	2.8	1.5	8 826.5	8.6	5.0	3.9	(8)
Work yet to be done (\$m)	Jun qtr 99	451.9	1.7	37.2	12 227.2	-6.0	-11.1	3.7	(8)
Value of engineering construction work done (\$m)	Jun qtr 99	255.6	18.0	-15.0	5 007.2	16.7	3.9	5.1	(9)
Manufacturing production									
Red meat (tonnes)	Sep qtr 99	41 886	-4.6	-3.0	746 511	0.9	-0.7	5.6	(11)
Mineral exploration expenditure (other than for petroleum) (\$m)	Jun qtr 99	12.8	68.4	6.7	195.0	16.6	-25.7	6.6	(12)

Indicator	Period	South Australia			Australia			SA as a % of Aust.	Source index
		Number	% change from		Number	% change from			
			Previous period	Same period previous year		Previous period	Same period previous year		
Prices(a)									
CPI—All groups (index no.)	Sep qtr 99	125.1	1.2	1.7	123.4	0.9	1.7	..	(13)
Price index of materials used in house building (index no.)	Sep qtr 99	125.5	0.2	0.9	120.5	1.1	0.9	..	(14)
Price index of materials used in building other than houses (index no.)	Sep qtr 99	115.2	-0.3	-0.1	115.2	-0.2	0.3	..	(15)
Price index of established houses (index no.)	Jun qtr 99	116.5	2.5	2.5	134.3	2.3	5.8	..	(16)
Price index of project homes (index no.)	Jun qtr 99	119.8	1.6	4.7	114.8	0.9	3.6	..	(16)
Labour force and demography									
Population (resident at end qtr) ('000)	Mar qtr 99	1 491.9	0.2	0.5	18 918.0	0.4	1.3	7.9	(17)
Short-term overseas visitor arrivals (no.)	Aug 99	7 085	-17.1	15.6	355 609	-8.5	9.9	2.0	(21)
Short-term resident departures (no.)	Aug 99	16 249	-7.4	33.4	281 138	-1.9	5.9	5.8	(21)
Labour force									
Original ('000)	Oct 99	728.0	-0.2	1.5	9 532.2	-0.9	1.7	7.6	(18)
Trend ('000)	Oct 99	727.5	0.2	1.0	9 540.9	0.2	1.6	7.6	(18)
Employed persons									
Original ('000)	Oct 99	665.5	-0.5	2.0	8 889.2	-0.2	2.3	7.5	(18)
Trend ('000)	Oct 99	665.7	0.1	2.4	8 860.9	0.2	2.4	7.5	(18)
Participation rate									
Original(b) (%)	Oct 99	60.7	-0.1	0.5	63.3	-0.7	0.1	..	(18)
Trend(b) (%)	Oct 99	60.6	0.1	0.1	63.4	0.1	0.1	..	(18)
Unemployment rate									
Original(b) (%)	Oct 99	8.6	0.3	-0.4	6.7	-0.7	-0.6	128.4	(18)
Trend(b) (%)	Oct 99	8.5	0.1	-1.2	7.1	0.0	-0.7	119.7	(18)
Job vacancies ('000)	Aug 99	5.1	47.4	73.3	88.0	23.6	20.5	5.8	(19)
Industrial disputes ('000 working days lost)	Aug 99	7.0	2233.3	288.9	129.4	172.4	131.5	5.4	(20)
Income									
Average weekly earnings (full-time adults; ordinary time)									
Original (\$)	Aug 99	702.00	0.3	1.1	751.80	0.1	2.1	..	(22)
Trend (\$)	Aug 99	700.80	0.1	0.8	753.70	0.6	2.5	..	(22)
Wage cost index (total hourly rate excluding bonuses)(c) (index no.)	Jun qtr 99	104.7	0.1	2.7	105.4	0.6	3.2	..	(23)
Financial markets									
Secured housing finance(d) (\$m)	Sep 99	348.0	5.1	43.8	6 338.0	4.4	40.4	5.5	(24)
Finance commitments									
Personal (\$m)	Sep 99	276.0	5.7	10.9	4 421.2	4.6	20.6	6.2	(25)
Commercial (\$m)	Sep 99	472.2	-29.3	-29.4	11 529.3	2.5	-18.1	4.1	(25)
Lease (\$m)	Sep 99	19.8	-25.6	21.0	784.8	2.8	4.0	2.5	(25)
Interest rates									
Banks new housing loans(b) (%)	Sep 99	..	..	..	6.55	0.00	-0.15	..	(26)
Bank loans—small, medium business(b)(e) (%)	Sep 99	..	..	..	7.45	0.00	-0.25	..	(26)
Bank loans—large business(b) (%)	Sep 99	..	..	..	7.95	0.00	-0.10	..	(26)
(a) Base year of each index 1989-90=100.									
(b) Change is shown in terms of percentage points.									
(c) Base year of index Sep 1997=100.									
(d) Excludes alterations and additions. Includes refinancing.									
(e) Rate for business loans over \$50,000.									

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STATE SUMMARY

<i>Indicator</i>	<i>Period</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT</i>	<i>Source index</i>
SELECTED INDICATORS										
CPI—All groups(a) (index no.)	Sep qtr 99	124.1	122.7	124.0	125.1	121.9	123.3	122.9	122.4	(13)
Participation rate trend (%)	Oct 99	62.1	63.2	64.7	60.6	66.7	58.5	70.5	73.2	(18)
Unemployment rate trend (%)	Oct 99	6.4	7.0	8.3	8.5	6.8	9.0	3.9	5.6	(18)
Average weekly earnings (full-time adults; ordinary time) trend (\$)	Aug 99	792.50	743.10	705.10	700.80	760.00	704.40	766.20	845.60	(22)
SELECTED INDICATORS PER HEAD OF POPULATION(b)										
State final demand										
Chain volume measures trend (\$'000)	Jun qtr 99	8.2	7.9	7.6	6.8	8.2	6.6	10.2	14.9	(1)
Retail turnover										
Current prices original (\$)	Sep 99	637.7	603.1	632.0	568.3	607.0	554.4	685.2	708.3	(3)
Current prices trend (\$)	Sep 99	648.2	620.8	626.4	578.4	622.4	577.5	660.7	730.7	(3)
New motor vehicle registrations trend (no. per '000 population)	Sep 99	3.4	3.4	2.8	2.5	3.0	2.6	3.4	3.4	(4)
Private new capital expenditure										
Current prices trend (\$)	Jun qtr 99	544.6	586.6	524.6	337.1	775.9	238.1	863.6	236.1	(5)
Dwelling unit approvals										
Original (no. per '000 population)	Sep 99	0.667	0.873	0.827	0.608	1.112	0.247	0.604	1.168	(7)
Trend (no. per '000 population)	Sep 99	0.706	0.871	0.679	0.519	1.130	0.261	0.671	0.802	(7)
Secured housing finance(c) (\$)	Sep 99	414.4	313.7	265.0	233.3	369.9	144.5	327.8	388.1	(24)
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS PERIOD										
State final demand										
Chain volume measures trend (%)	Jun qtr 99	2.1	1.2	0.8	-0.1	0.6	2.1	-5.9	0.8	(1)
Retail turnover										
Current prices original (%)	Sep 99	3.6	3.4	4.4	3.3	1.5	1.6	-2.2	1.0	(3)
Current prices trend (%)	Sep 99	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.8	-0.2	0.4	0.3	0.5	(3)
New motor vehicle registrations trend (%)	Sep 99	-1.7	-2.3	-3.0	-3.1	-3.6	-3.6	-0.5	-2.8	(4)
Private new capital expenditure										
Current prices trend (%)	Jun qtr 99	-3.5	-2.4	-5.8	-7.5	-9.5	-0.9	-32.5	-17.0	(5)
Dwelling unit approvals										
Original (%)	Sep 99	-12.2	-13.9	22.3	17.6	-0.2	-1.7	-5.7	211.2	(7)
Trend (%)	Sep 99	-0.4	3.3	1.2	2.4	1.8	0.2	-3.4	17.1	(7)
CPI—All groups (%)	Sep qtr 99	0.9	1.0	0.7	1.2	0.9	0.7	0.2	0.7	(13)
Participation rate trend(d) (%)	Oct 99	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.5	(18)
Unemployment rate trend(d) (%)	Oct 99	0.0	-0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	(18)
Average weekly earnings (full-time adults; ordinary time) trend (%)	Aug 99	0.5	0.8	0.4	0.1	1.0	0.6	1.1	0.4	(22)
Secured housing finance (%)	Sep 99	3.1	5.6	9.2	5.1	-0.1	0.0	12.5	6.2	(24)
(a) Base year of index 1989-90 = 100.										
(b) The latest quarterly estimate of Australian resident population has been used to calculate ratios for subsequent periods.										
(c) Excludes alterations and additions. Includes refinancing.										
(d) Change is shown in terms of percentage points.										

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STATE ACCOUNTS AT CURRENT PRICES

Period	Final consumption expenditure		Gross fixed capital formation		State final demand	Gross State product (I)	Compensation of employees
	Households	General government	Private	Public			
ANNUAL (\$m)							
1995-96	22 617	7 433	5 176	1 185	36 411	35 928	17 518
1996-97	22 920	7 477	5 772	1 274	37 444	36 434	18 140
1997-98	24 294	7 882	6 675	1 286	40 138	38 966	18 902
QUARTERLY, TREND (\$m)							
1997-98							
March	6 146	1 980	1 726	304	10 156	n.a.	4 722
June	6 233	1 999	1 690	289	10 211	n.a.	4 710
1998-99							
September	6 317	2 010	1 601	316	10 244	n.a.	4 723
December	6 374	2 011	1 542	346	10 273	n.a.	4 773
March	6 411	2 003	1 517	358	10 288	n.a.	4 848
June	6 434	1 989	1 502	371	10 292	n.a.	4 944

Source: Australian National Accounts: Quarterly State Details (Cat. no. 5206.0.40.001), and Australian National Accounts: State Accounts (Cat. no. 5220.0).

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STATE ACCOUNTS AT CHAIN VOLUME MEASURES(a)

Period	Final consumption expenditure		Gross fixed capital formation		State final demand	Gross State product (I)
	Households	General government	Private	Public		
ANNUAL (\$m)						
1995-96	22 905	7 514	4 967	1 162	36 518	35 891
1996-97	22 920	7 477	5 772	1 273	37 444	36 434
1997-98	24 003	7 788	6 652	1 283	39 726	38 573
QUARTERLY, TREND (\$m)						
1997-98						
March	6 138	1 979	1 716	298	10 129	n.a.
June	6 199	1 987	1 662	286	10 129	n.a.
1998-99						
September	6 263	1 987	1 564	313	10 119	n.a.
December	6 304	1 978	1 508	345	10 127	n.a.
March	6 320	1 963	1 492	358	10 124	n.a.
June	6 314	1 949	1 486	371	10 111	n.a.

(a) Reference year for chain volume measures is 1996-97.

Source: Australian National Accounts: Quarterly State Details (Cat. no. 5206.0.40.001), and Australian National Accounts: State Accounts (Cat. no. 5220.0).

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MERCHANDISE EXPORTS, BY SELECTED COMMODITY GROUP(a)

<i>Period</i>	<i>Meat and meat preparations</i>	<i>Cereals and cereal preparations</i>	<i>Wine</i>	<i>Wool and sheepskins</i>	<i>Machinery</i>	<i>Metals and metal manufactures</i>	<i>Fish and crustaceans</i>	<i>Road vehicles, parts and accessories</i>	<i>Petroleum and petroleum products</i>	<i>Total</i>
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
1996-97	182 478	745 227	397 949	260 974	378 923	542 204	191 093	655 881	286 458	5 009 345
1997-98	218 252	762 415	564 083	287 824	401 749	574 407	236 353	479 396	237 824	4 986 705
1998-99	198 578	692 804	693 727	212 078	385 165	543 675	252 592	652 010	154 425	5 344 348
1997-98										
April	20 323	97 030	50 539	16 054	30 937	48 037	21 581	24 260	12 089	410 224
May	19 757	66 147	58 188	28 786	41 200	44 539	18 447	30 767	18 406	440 938
June	16 188	83 309	52 876	17 049	25 411	49 813	21 084	24 268	13 434	412 631
1998-99										
July	11 886	51 175	48 323	17 802	37 239	36 741	23 828	44 144	8 909	391 917
August	12 036	83 764	54 365	14 136	30 391	51 467	30 657	43 037	20 669	457 962
September	17 730	84 104	70 084	21 737	30 230	39 773	28 826	82 634	12 086	478 849
October	20 302	37 462	72 262	23 109	28 835	39 298	16 321	45 615	19 012	421 250
November	23 420	12 520	40 014	23 410	33 813	44 046	15 738	76 332	8 740	402 198
December	21 967	84 612	48 409	21 800	39 439	46 039	18 732	72 038	22 904	517 955
January	12 512	93 036	39 131	10 991	20 713	32 232	20 641	17 334	3 544	386 099
February	19 308	43 302	50 983	18 309	29 483	47 209	20 912	23 346	8 932	410 956
March	17 378	73 094	66 841	16 754	29 520	58 757	18 415	102 036	11 714	554 207
April	12 617	38 467	56 313	10 319	41 312	39 915	20 369	26 728	4 080	382 394
May	16 087	42 140	69 482	20 513	34 714	57 271	20 328	28 122	19 003	461 913
June	13 334	49 128	77 522	13 198	29 477	50 927	17 824	90 644	14 832	478 647
1999-00										
July	11 690	32 723	56 428	10 288	29 577	53 201	30 310	41 016	16 088	441 707
August	7 705	39 196	78 497	12 360	27 009	61 873	81 037	97 003	2 410	541 586
September	9 319	56 918	94 179	14 900	36 742	56 866	57 317	58 956	17 842	551 875

(a) Final stage of production in South Australia.

Source: Unpublished data, International Merchandise Trade.

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MERCHANDISE EXPORTS, BY SELECTED COUNTRIES(a)

Period	European Union					East Asia				
	United States of America	Middle East	United Kingdom	Total European Union	New Zealand	Japan	China	Hong Kong	ASEAN	Total East Asia
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
1996-97	707 871	563 409	304 645	641 308	382 103	611 870	244 917	234 547	615 943	2 030 435
1997-98	632 203	389 766	424 251	849 932	354 698	612 475	331 489	239 652	491 573	2 023 385
1998-99	704 916	640 412	476 340	928 270	388 967	625 896	302 633	219 534	432 707	1 899 035
1997-98										
April	38 373	52 361	39 893	78 611	35 943	45 057	12 599	14 654	21 024	127 024
May	43 378	27 970	46 314	99 584	32 077	51 107	28 785	20 116	25 054	160 370
June	52 213	30 122	35 019	68 106	31 172	55 368	22 009	14 993	26 900	154 564
1998-99										
July	49 983	36 832	37 794	66 756	36 659	47 898	11 003	19 773	25 676	127 478
August	34 075	33 052	46 093	82 475	33 707	75 232	23 384	16 548	45 343	183 754
September	87 466	53 605	47 456	82 522	32 194	72 491	26 358	16 476	24 026	161 882
October	39 435	43 420	50 012	84 179	31 677	41 429	33 269	20 642	29 472	145 414
November	85 490	33 540	23 911	43 607	29 428	33 475	39 460	19 539	41 004	163 881
December	72 375	108 902	31 536	82 409	31 828	52 344	17 915	25 466	39 024	172 897
January	25 730	91 222	27 983	62 250	20 912	26 299	31 133	16 119	19 791	114 334
February	33 065	39 031	32 558	78 213	29 617	52 745	20 986	21 833	35 769	157 441
March	83 983	87 010	48 802	96 079	34 227	62 499	29 294	17 954	47 444	189 083
April	45 093	34 532	36 364	73 470	29 922	33 779	17 751	15 279	41 850	133 735
May	50 172	41 235	44 124	95 824	31 753	73 576	29 304	16 125	35 990	189 778
June	98 050	38 031	49 708	80 488	47 041	54 128	22 775	13 782	47 319	159 360
1999-00										
July	54 516	31 570	39 127	80 378	39 260	72 118	16 859	15 374	27 998	162 789
August	86 936	50 859	58 622	100 884	46 089	103 773	18 092	13 146	36 330	201 546
September	56 033	41 565	72 881	111 605	43 066	94 053	30 845	22 288	43 348	212 774

(a) Final stage of production in South Australia.

Source: Unpublished data, International Merchandise Trade.

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MERCHANDISE EXPORTS, BY INDUSTRY OF ORIGIN(a)

Period	Manufacturing								Total
	Agriculture, forestry and fishing	Mining	Food, beverages and tobacco	Petroleum, coal, chemical associated product	Metal product	Machinery and equipment	Other manu- facturing	Other industries/ confidential	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
1996-97	1 067 084	202 162	981 918	290 361	569 679	1 140 136	226 780	531 226	5 009 345
1997-98	1 188 938	137 851	1 205 265	292 175	615 344	994 597	262 815	289 719	4 986 705
1998-99	1 124 377	73 125	1 282 083	285 351	581 372	1 175 626	264 774	557 640	5 344 348
1997-98									
April	120 229	896	105 811	22 179	51 716	64 150	20 316	24 927	410 224
May	100 208	3 524	118 987	30 653	49 662	84 588	23 965	29 351	440 938
June	114 836	10 307	105 051	24 871	52 139	59 884	17 105	28 438	412 631
1998-99									
July	90 460	916	99 279	16 951	42 744	92 690	17 418	31 459	391 917
August	114 502	8 725	100 942	34 630	53 203	90 632	19 941	35 386	457 962
September	115 557	1 066	117 539	26 209	40 577	122 096	21 894	33 912	478 849
October	70 620	9 066	123 467	27 700	41 345	85 546	21 252	42 255	421 250
November	45 312	14 644	90 065	19 311	48 123	123 267	20 329	41 147	402 198
December	117 054	7 760	104 094	32 699	51 955	121 086	22 642	60 664	517 955
January	127 396	1 112	78 750	13 355	33 004	46 525	18 209	67 749	386 099
February	99 744	9 484	102 251	19 255	49 565	63 347	21 822	45 487	410 956
March	121 061	511	114 334	23 276	63 539	145 843	30 604	55 041	554 207
April	62 384	7 741	105 760	14 469	41 171	79 506	26 041	45 321	382 394
May	86 029	8 781	122 603	30 879	61 320	73 034	24 787	54 481	461 913
June	74 257	3 320	122 999	26 617	54 826	132 054	19 834	44 739	478 647
1999-00									
July	63 609	7 380	120 548	26 813	54 438	84 346	19 697	64 876	441 707
August	67 510	9 096	118 129	14 530	63 726	138 864	22 933	106 798	541 586
September	74 103	1 095	167 056	30 748	60 470	113 976	19 841	84 585	551 875

(a) Final stage of production in South Australia.

Source: Unpublished data, International Merchandise Trade.

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MERCHANDISE IMPORTS, BY SELECTED COMMODITY GROUP(a)

<i>Period</i>	<i>Food, beverages and tobacco</i>	<i>Petroleum and petroleum products</i>	<i>Chemicals</i>	<i>Textiles</i>	<i>Metals and metal manufactures</i>	<i>Machinery</i>	<i>Road vehicle parts and accessories</i>	<i>Other manufactured goods</i>	<i>Total</i>
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
1996-97	136 695	505 633	225 187	79 708	223 259	868 346	538 690	695 238	3 413 043
1997-98	148 771	445 218	274 741	93 815	280 562	1 061 260	772 203	739 266	3 940 198
1998-99	162 774	271 492	281 097	96 052	264 798	917 457	812 289	766 008	3 716 278
1997-98									
April	10 012	22 090	38 574	9 335	21 137	113 439	61 182	63 078	350 581
May	11 224	38 780	27 490	8 945	21 394	74 468	56 026	60 750	310 724
June	13 086	15 049	18 431	8 041	25 140	89 988	70 652	62 513	313 741
1998-99									
July	14 293	23 350	13 006	9 514	26 572	95 455	71 756	64 569	329 710
August	15 000	18 697	14 930	8 217	24 495	83 417	67 746	66 505	308 231
September	14 111	12 616	22 609	8 647	25 446	73 876	63 421	63 209	292 070
October	15 828	11 640	18 150	9 116	23 219	82 586	78 648	59 588	310 764
November	15 327	36 487	23 598	7 876	21 420	75 548	70 427	71 943	334 583
December	13 026	16 970	18 804	6 467	19 204	75 018	64 460	59 286	283 700
January	12 745	17 413	35 290	6 819	21 549	79 714	58 788	59 244	306 685
February	11 547	31 555	29 787	7 365	19 645	64 860	68 686	56 383	302 155
March	16 139	26 963	29 953	7 757	23 301	71 981	77 956	79 638	348 969
April	12 634	25 605	34 572	8 490	22 564	67 602	73 535	57 729	314 900
May	9 387	27 892	24 936	8 295	18 214	75 202	49 320	55 975	283 121
June	12 738	22 304	15 461	7 490	19 168	72 196	67 546	71 940	301 388
1999-00									
July	14 835	56 018	16 552	8 455	19 120	82 019	78 745	64 809	353 256
August	12 146	27 827	13 700	8 245	19 987	80 982	72 122	65 057	311 129
September	15 577	92	17 948	8 064	20 823	104 039	68 506	73 992	320 410

(a) Goods released from Customs control in South Australia.

Source: Unpublished data, International Merchandise Trade.

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TURNOVER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS, BY INDUSTRY—TREND

Period	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
1998-99								
July	377.0	92.0	46.3	80.1	32.7	75.2	128.8	834.8
August	379.5	91.9	46.6	80.9	32.6	75.2	129.4	837.7
September	382.1	91.6	46.5	81.6	32.3	75.6	128.7	838.8
October	385.3	91.4	46.1	82.4	32.0	76.4	127.2	840.3
November	388.8	91.3	45.7	83.1	31.8	77.5	125.6	843.0
December	392.5	91.3	45.5	83.4	31.8	78.6	124.6	846.3
January	395.1	91.5	45.8	83.6	27.3	79.3	124.4	848.7
February	395.6	91.6	46.4	83.3	27.6	79.6	125.3	848.4
March	394.4	91.3	47.3	82.7	27.6	79.4	126.6	845.8
April	382.3	91.0	48.3	82.5	27.6	79.5	128.1	842.9
May	380.7	90.9	49.0	82.9	27.4	79.9	128.8	841.5
June	380.4	91.0	49.8	84.3	27.6	80.7	128.9	843.0
1999-00								
July	381.6	91.6	50.6	86.4	27.9	81.7	129.1	848.2
August	383.6	92.4	51.4	88.5	28.4	82.8	129.2	855.6
September	385.6	93.1	52.0	90.4	29.1	83.8	129.1	862.9

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

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NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS, BY TYPE OF VEHICLE

Period	Original			Seasonally adjusted			Trend estimate		
	Passenger vehicles	Other vehicles	Total	Passenger vehicles	Other vehicles	Total	Passenger vehicles	Other vehicles	Total
1998-99									
July	4 411	681	5 092	4 233	678	4 911	3 992	673	4 665
August	3 864	676	4 540	3 837	751	4 588	3 893	675	4 569
September	3 569	597	4 166	3 471	632	4 102	3 744	676	4 419
October	3 677	560	4 237	3 609	623	4 232	3 605	670	4 275
November	3 803	672	4 475	3 635	705	4 340	3 522	657	4 179
December	3 624	718	4 342	3 425	666	4 091	3 506	638	4 144
January	2 603	442	3 045	3 512	599	4 111	3 537	618	4 155
February	3 355	568	3 923	3 428	610	4 038	3 580	600	4 180
March	4 165	644	4 809	3 820	552	4 372	3 602	594	4 196
April	3 256	559	3 815	3 626	597	4 223	3 580	602	4 182
May	3 294	672	3 966	3 535	633	4 168	3 510	624	4 134
June	3 838	856	4 694	3 347	601	3 948	3 396	647	4 043
1999-00									
July	3 429	689	4 118	3 379	718	4 097	3 267	664	3 931
August	3 149	702	3 851	2 966	771	3 737	3 144	673	3 817
September	3 120	531	3 651	3 013	558	3 571	3 022	677	3 699

Source: Transport SA.

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ACTUAL PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, BY SELECTED INDUSTRY AND TYPE OF ASSET

Period	Industry			Total	Type of asset	
	Mining	Manufacturing	Other selected industries		New buildings and structures	Equipment, plant and machinery
ANNUAL (\$m)						
1996-97	489	840	1 251	2 580	595	1 985
1997-98	1 366	820	1 006	3 192	792	2 400
1998-99	508	776	992	2 277	527	1 749
QUARTERLY, ORIGINAL (\$m)						
1997-98						
March	360	168	193	721	188	534
June	215	217	370	802	250	552
1998-99						
September	125	153	326	603	158	445
December	150	248	266	664	171	493
March	98	187	220	505	97	407
June	136	188	180	504	101	403
QUARTERLY, TREND (\$m)						
1997-98						
March	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	816	212	604
June	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	754	213	541
1998-99						
September	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	673	186	487
December	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	600	147	453
March	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	544	117	427
June	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	503	100	403

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

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TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

Period	Hotels with facilities				Motels and guesthouses				Serviced apartments			
	Estab-lish-ments	Guest rooms	Room occu-pancy	Takings	Estab-lish-ments	Flats, units and houses	Room occu-pancy	Takings	Estab-lish-ments	Guest rooms	Room occu-pancy	Takings
	no.	no.	%	\$'000	no.	no.	%	\$'000	no.	no.	%	\$'000
1997-98												
September	62	3 875	56.2	19 193	150	5 179	51.3	17 420	17	624	57.9	2 714
December	61	3 855	61.3	22 156	151	5 225	57.9	19 960	17	626	67.3	3 269
March	59	3 808	60.1	20 851	149	5 181	57.4	19 247	19	726	67.6	3 913
June	61	4 048	53.6	19 048	147	5 136	52.8	17 773	19	750	59.4	3 551
1998-99												
September	61	4 048	57.2	21 068	146	5 112	51.7	17 805	19	740	56.3	3 667
December	61	4 053	63.0	24 954	146	5 135	58.1	19 990	22	888	66.0	4 884
March	61	4 053	59.6	22 181	145	5 119	55.3	18 793	22	888	65.8	4 516
June	62	4 095	58.6	22 362	146	5 189	51.5	18 140	22	889	54.1	3 947

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

Period	Houses		Total dwelling units		New residential building \$m	Alterations and additions to residential building \$m	Total residential building \$m	Non-residential building \$m	Total building \$m
	Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total					
	no.	no.	no.	no.					
ANNUAL									
1996-97	5 512	5 608	6 148	6 264	515.5	116.6	632.1	580.7	1 212.8
1997-98	6 187	6 380	6 997	7 215	630.2	127.8	758.0	602.2	1 360.1
1998-99	6 568	6 777	7 697	7 928	775.6	143.9	919.6	656.6	1 576.2
MONTHLY, ORIGINAL									
1998-99									
September	600	625	717	742	103.4	13.1	116.5	46.9	163.5
October	518	542	561	585	55.5	10.8	66.3	40.5	106.9
November	540	553	587	606	58.0	12.4	70.4	58.3	128.7
December	489	496	556	563	50.3	10.0	60.3	53.5	113.7
January	361	371	434	444	45.6	9.5	55.1	68.0	123.1
February	494	510	591	607	58.2	12.4	70.6	118.4	189.0
March	644	683	711	750	69.1	14.6	83.7	61.1	144.9
April	487	497	558	568	56.6	10.8	67.4	22.7	90.1
May	601	631	653	683	69.5	11.4	80.9	57.4	138.3
June	652	673	814	845	72.3	16.5	88.8	31.7	120.5
1999-00									
July	615	620	837	842	101.8	14.1	115.9	31.7	147.6
August	663	669	765	771	76.4	15.5	91.9	37.5	129.4
September	731	772	866	907	88.5	15.9	104.3	49.2	153.5
MONTHLY, TREND									
1998-99									
September	539	557	632	652	58.2	10.7	68.9	57.4	126.4
October	537	556	611	633	56.9	10.9	67.8	62.1	129.9
November	534	553	597	620	56.4	11.2	67.6	64.2	131.7
December	530	548	597	620	57.3	11.5	68.8	63.9	132.7
January	531	549	606	629	59.0	11.9	70.8	61.7	132.6
February	536	555	620	642	61.3	12.3	73.6	57.9	131.5
March	543	561	634	655	64.0	12.7	76.7	53.1	129.8
April	553	571	652	671	67.0	13.1	80.1	47.4	127.5
May	565	582	673	690	70.0	13.6	83.6	41.9	125.5
June	580	596	698	713	72.9	13.9	86.9	37.7	124.6
1999-00									
July	596	612	722	736	75.5	14.3	89.8	34.5	124.3
August	613	630	743	756	77.7	14.5	92.2	31.9	124.2
September	629	647	760	774	79.1	14.7	93.8	30.1	123.9

Source: Building Approvals, South Australia (Cat. no. 8731.4).

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BUILDING COMMENCEMENTS

Period	New houses		Total dwelling units(a)		New residential building \$m	Alterations and additions to residential building \$m	Non-residential building		
	Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total			Private sector	Total	Total building
	no.	no.	no.	no.			\$m	\$m	\$m
1996-97	5 057	5 112	5 727	5 789	496.3	116.9	423.4	568.7	1 181.9
1997-98	5 628	5 823	6 437	6 653	614.7	134.5	426.4	550.7	1 299.9
1998-98	6 091	6 296	7 186	7 416	771.3	139.7	400.1	623.7	1 534.7
1996-97									
June	1 522	1 541	1 670	1 691	147.5	30.7	193.5	230.2	408.4
1997-98									
September	1 354	1 402	1 489	1 541	131.9	31.6	84.5	112.3	275.8
December	1 531	1 588	1 841	1 906	179.8	33.8	139.2	174.1	387.7
March	1 409	1 436	1 617	1 648	150.1	38.7	68.1	95.2	284.0
June	1 334	1 397	1 490	1 558	152.9	30.4	134.5	169.1	352.4
1998-99									
September	1 563	1 610	1 927	1 980	184.7	35.0	89.5	131.1	350.7
December	1 644	1 699	1 891	1 965	231.1	34.3	94.6	134.8	400.2
March	1 293	1 326	1 612	1 645	171.6	32.7	145.6	235.5	439.8
June	1 591	1 661	1 756	1 826	183.9	37.7	70.4	122.3	344.0

(a) Includes conversions.

Source: *Building Activity, South Australia* (Cat. no. 8752.4).

VALUE OF BUILDING WORK DONE AND COMPLETED DURING PERIOD

Period	New houses		New residential building		Alterations and additions to residential building	Total residential building	Non-residential building		Total building	
	Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total			Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
VALUE OF BUILDING WORK DONE										
1996-97	433.9	438.9	485.2	490.4	122.3	612.7	444.2	663.3	1 049.8	1 275.9
1997-98	522.9	535.7	590.4	605.4	131.6	737.0	538.9	685.0	1 259.3	1 422.0
1998-98	599.7	615.0	721.4	738.2	147.9	886.1	416.6	570.9	1 284.0	1 457.0
1996-97										
June	127.6	128.7	140.5	141.7	32.0	173.7	140.4	181.9	312.8	355.6
1997-98										
September	122.5	125.8	136.3	139.9	32.9	172.8	149.8	186.7	318.5	359.4
December	134.0	137.7	152.3	157.1	36.2	193.3	157.7	197.7	345.2	391.0
March	130.5	132.8	147.4	149.9	31.4	181.3	119.1	149.2	297.7	330.4
June	135.9	139.4	154.5	158.5	31.2	189.7	112.3	151.5	297.9	341.1
1998-99										
September	150.9	155.8	175.8	180.9	39.8	220.7	135.5	162.9	350.5	383.6
December	151.4	155.1	185.6	189.9	40.3	230.1	121.5	160.4	347.0	390.6
March	142.4	144.9	169.5	172.5	33.2	205.7	87.5	131.1	290.1	336.8
June	155.1	159.2	190.4	195.0	34.6	229.6	72.2	116.5	296.4	346.1
VALUE OF BUILDING WORK COMPLETED										
1996-97	408.9	414.1	461.8	467.1	123.6	590.7	328.2	584.3	911.8	1 175.0
1997-98	504.1	514.7	561.8	574.7	125.0	699.7	571.2	744.0	1 256.3	1 443.7
1998-98	599.4	613.6	698.1	713.3	153.2	866.5	505.3	639.4	1 354.9	1 505.9
1996-97										
June	119.7	120.4	130.5	131.1	32.6	163.7	86.4	228.5	249.5	392.2
1997-98										
September	118.3	120.5	130.5	132.7	34.3	166.9	68.9	102.6	233.1	269.5
December	148.3	151.6	168.9	172.8	39.2	212.1	310.5	369.2	517.7	581.2
March	112.2	114.5	126.4	129.3	26.9	156.3	81.7	124.3	235.0	280.5
June	125.3	128.1	136.0	139.8	24.6	164.4	110.1	148.0	270.6	312.5
1998-99										
September	148.1	152.4	161.1	165.8	36.1	201.9	68.2	106.7	264.9	308.6
December	168.4	174.1	190.2	196.1	49.3	245.4	174.9	203.3	414.1	448.7
March	145.1	147.6	180.1	183.0	36.7	219.7	161.3	207.4	377.8	427.1
June	137.8	139.4	166.8	168.4	31.0	199.4	101.0	122.0	298.1	321.4

Source: Building Activity, South Australia (Cat. no. 8752.4).

<i>Period</i>	<i>Pigmeat</i>	<i>Beef</i>	<i>Mutton</i>	<i>Lamb</i>	<i>Gas</i>	<i>Coal(a)</i>	<i>Sawn timber(b)</i>
	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>m MJ</i>	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>m³</i>
1996-97	29 842	85 478	51 778	34 890	76 495	2 633 820	333 691
1997-98	26 384	80 924	58 554	38 224	78 441	2 815 870	361 257
1998-99	25 203	61 873	47 780	43 449	86 228	2 686 069	374 590
1997-98							
September	7 431	18 704	10 889	6 594	21 942	752 868	91 537
December	6 301	22 324	16 769	9 963	18 997	610 208	83 957
March	6 731	21 110	20 144	10 561	18 098	718 990	89 540
June	7 923	18 786	10 752	11 106	19 404	733 804	96 223
1998-99							
September	6 782	15 160	10 348	10 738	23 573	748 575	95 339
December	7 269	17 609	15 737	10 997	19 718	671 040	94 578
March	8 031	14 780	14 029	10 101	19 343	826 095	88 282
June	8 782	14 717	7 915	12 337	23 594	440 359	96 391
1999-00							
September	7 709	16 871	5 654	11 492	n.y.a	n.y.a	111 075

(a) Data supplied by Flinders Power Pty Ltd.

(b) From Australian softwood logs only.

Source: *Livestock Products, Australia (Cat. no. 8752.4); Unpublished data, Manufacturing Production.*

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, BY GROUP—ADELAIDE

<i>Period</i>	<i>Food</i>	<i>Clothing</i>	<i>Housing</i>	<i>Household equipment and operation</i>	<i>Transport- ation</i>	<i>Tobacco and alcohol</i>	<i>Health and personal care</i>	<i>Recreation and education</i>	<i>All groups</i>
ANNUAL AVERAGE (1989-90 = 100.0)									
1996-97	120.8	105.5	98.9	113.4	124.6	165.3	165.4	121.1	122.3
1997-98	122.7	105.7	90.7	113.7	122.1	169.3	165.4	124.7	121.6
1998-99	127.7	105.0	92.0	113.3	121.6	171.8	164.2	127.5	123.2
QUARTERLY (1989-90 = 100.0)									
1997-98									
June	123.7	105.9	90.3	113.9	121.8	170.5	171.1	126.1	122.4
1998-99									
September	125.9	105.3	91.2	113.7	121.8	170.7	171.8	125.9	123.0
December	128.2	105.4	91.9	113.9	121.3	171.4	170.9	126.5	123.6
March	128.0	103.7	92.2	112.3	120.9	171.8	156.6	128.6	122.7
June	128.8	105.7	92.8	113.2	122.4	173.3	157.5	128.9	123.6
1999-00									
September	129.7	104.8	95.0	112.5	127.8	174.4	157.6	129.8	125.1
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM SAME QUARTER OF PREVIOUS YEAR									
1997-98									
June	1.5	0.7	-4.0	0.3	-0.7	2.4	1.8	2.6	0.4
1998-99									
September	3.2	-0.1	-1.1	0.1	-1.1	2.1	8.3	1.8	1.5
December	5.1	-0.8	1.9	0.3	-0.8	1.5	4.1	2.3	2.0
March	4.1	-1.3	2.6	-1.2	-0.2	0.6	-6.7	2.5	0.8
June	4.1	-0.2	2.8	-0.6	0.5	1.6	-7.9	2.2	1.0
1999-00									
September	3.0	-0.5	4.2	-1.1	4.9	2.2	-8.3	3.1	1.7
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER									
1997-98									
June	0.7	0.8	0.4	0.2	0.5	-0.1	2.0	0.5	0.6
1998-99									
September	1.8	-0.6	1.0	-0.2	0.0	0.1	0.4	-0.2	0.5
December	1.8	0.1	0.8	0.2	-0.4	0.4	-0.5	0.5	0.5
March	-0.2	-1.6	0.3	-1.4	-0.3	0.2	-8.4	1.7	-0.7
June	0.6	1.9	0.7	0.8	1.2	0.9	0.6	0.2	0.7
1999-00									
September	0.7	-0.9	2.4	-0.6	4.4	0.6	0.1	0.7	1.2

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

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ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION AND COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE

Period	Net migration			Total increase	Population at end of period
	Natural increase	Interstate	Overseas(a)		
1995-96	7 500	-6 192	3 653	4 824	1 474 253
1996-97	6 951	-4 628	3 104	5 427	1 479 680
1997-98	6 574	-3 254	4 294	7 614	1 487 294
1996-97					
June	1 672	-862	136	946	1 479 680
1997-98					
September	1 322	-755	1 124	1 691	1 481 371
December	1 544	-1 098	598	1 044	1 482 415
March	2 083	-591	2 027	3 519	1 485 934
June	1 625	-810	545	1 360	1 487 294
1998-99					
September	1 188	-422	778	1 544	1 488 838
December	1 775	-901	707	1 581	1 490 419
March	1 917	-682	1 149	2 384	1 491 127

(a) Includes category jumping.

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

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BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES

Period	Births	Deaths	Marriages	Divorces
1995-96	18 839	11 339	8 211	4 236
1996-97	18 576	11 625	8 003	4 362
1997-98	18 006	11 432	7 988	4 113
1996-97				
June	4 586	2 914	1 750	1 005
1997-98				
September	4 542	3 220	1 079	1 034
December	4 487	2 943	2 680	1 058
March	4 557	2 474	2 405	1 016
June	4 420	2 795	1 824	1 005
1998-99				
September	4 648	3 460	1 294	1 053
December	4 545	2 770	2 499	1 085
March	4 490	2 573	2 471	929

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

Period	Employed full-time		Employed part-time		Total employed		Unemployed		Labour force	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
ANNUAL AVERAGE ('000)										
1996-97	320.8	150.5	48.6	140.7	369.4	291.2	42.1	27.5	411.5	318.7
1997-98	317.5	145.9	48.8	136.4	366.3	282.3	42.1	28.8	408.4	311.0
1998-99	319.4	148.1	49.2	136.2	368.6	284.3	40.2	26.6	408.8	310.9
MONTHLY, ORIGINAL ('000)										
1998-99										
August	316.6	144.1	47.0	131.1	363.6	275.2	42.6	29.1	406.2	304.3
September	322.6	147.7	44.7	136.6	367.3	284.3	44.6	27.4	411.9	311.7
October	318.8	148.8	47.1	137.7	366.0	286.4	40.5	24.1	406.5	310.5
November	320.5	147.1	46.6	139.0	367.1	286.1	42.7	25.2	409.8	311.4
December	323.6	150.8	51.0	141.7	374.6	292.5	42.1	24.7	416.6	317.3
January	315.4	147.2	49.5	131.2	364.9	278.4	45.4	29.5	410.3	308.0
February	320.7	150.6	51.1	134.4	371.8	285.0	40.6	28.3	412.4	313.3
March	322.9	147.4	48.0	141.1	370.8	288.5	38.6	27.7	409.4	316.2
April	316.4	149.2	50.9	138.6	367.4	287.8	35.2	24.0	402.5	311.8
May	318.6	152.9	53.7	132.8	372.3	285.7	36.6	27.2	408.9	312.9
June	319.3	146.3	55.9	141.8	375.3	288.1	31.0	25.0	406.3	313.1
1999-00										
July	320.3	152.1	53.7	137.4	374.0	289.5	30.7	23.6	404.7	313.1
August	315.4	151.1	56.0	137.4	371.3	288.5	36.5	24.5	407.9	313.0
September	317.6	150.9	56.6	144.0	374.2	294.9	34.1	26.4	408.3	321.3
October	313.7	153.7	59.4	138.8	373.1	292.5	37.4	25.0	410.5	317.5
MONTHLY, TREND ('000)										
1998-99										
August	317.8	146.0	46.7	131.4	364.5	277.4	43.0	28.7	407.5	306.1
September	318.3	146.7	47.1	133.9	365.4	280.6	43.2	27.8	408.6	308.4
October	318.5	147.2	47.9	136.4	366.4	283.6	43.0	26.9	409.4	310.5
November	318.5	147.2	48.9	138.8	367.4	286.0	42.5	26.2	409.9	312.2
December	318.7	147.2	49.6	139.9	368.2	287.2	41.8	25.8	410.0	312.9
January	319.4	147.5	49.6	140.0	369.0	287.5	40.8	25.6	409.8	313.1
February	320.3	148.2	49.5	139.0	369.8	287.2	39.5	25.7	409.3	312.9
March	321.2	149.1	49.6	137.7	370.8	286.8	38.0	25.7	408.8	312.5
April	321.5	150.1	50.2	136.5	371.7	286.6	36.4	25.7	408.1	312.3
May	321.0	150.8	51.6	136.1	372.6	286.9	35.2	25.8	407.8	312.7
June	319.9	151.4	53.3	136.3	373.2	287.7	34.6	25.8	407.8	313.5
1999-00										
July	318.5	151.8	55.1	137.0	373.6	288.8	34.4	25.9	408.0	314.7
August	317.1	152.1	56.7	137.8	373.8	289.9	34.6	26.0	408.4	315.9
September	315.8	152.4	58.0	138.6	373.8	291.0	35.0	26.1	408.8	317.1
October	314.9	152.6	58.9	139.3	373.8	291.9	35.6	26.2	409.4	318.1

(a) Population aged 15 and over.

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

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CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE, UNEMPLOYMENT AND PARTICIPATION RATES(a)

Period	Civilian population			Unemployment rate			Participation rate		
	Males aged 15 and over	Females aged 15 and over	Persons aged 15-19	Males all ages	Females all ages	Persons all ages	Males	Females	Persons
	'000	'000	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
ANNUAL AVERAGE									
1996-97	579.8	600.6	23.7	10.2	8.6	9.5	71.0	53.1	61.9
1997-98	583.9	604.5	23.2	10.3	9.2	9.8	70.8	51.5	61.0
1998-99	583.2	609.8	21.7	9.8	8.6	9.3	70.1	51.0	60.3
MONTHLY, ORIGINAL									
1998-99									
August	581.4	608.0	23.3	10.5	9.6	10.1	69.9	50.0	59.7
September	581.7	608.4	23.1	10.8	8.8	9.9	70.8	51.2	60.8
October	582.2	608.8	23.1	10.0	7.8	9.0	69.8	51.0	60.2
November	582.6	609.2	21.2	10.4	8.1	9.4	70.3	51.1	60.5
December	583.0	609.7	19.8	10.1	7.8	9.1	71.5	52.0	61.5
January	583.4	610.1	20.1	11.1	9.6	10.4	70.3	50.5	60.2
February	583.8	610.5	20.4	9.8	9.0	9.5	70.6	51.3	60.8
March	584.2	610.9	21.8	9.4	8.8	9.1	70.1	51.8	60.7
April	584.6	611.3	17.9	8.7	7.7	8.3	68.9	51.0	59.7
May	585.0	611.6	24.8	8.9	8.7	8.8	69.9	51.2	60.3
June	585.3	611.9	21.6	7.6	8.0	7.8	69.4	51.2	60.1
1999-00									
July	585.7	612.3	21.4	7.6	7.5	7.6	69.1	51.1	59.9
August	586.0	612.6	22.1	9.0	7.8	8.5	69.6	51.1	60.1
September	586.4	613.0	20.6	8.4	8.2	8.3	69.6	52.4	60.8
October	586.8	613.3	21.1	9.1	7.9	8.6	70.0	51.8	60.7
MONTHLY, TREND									
1998-99									
August	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.6	9.4	10.0	70.1	50.3	60.0
September	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.6	9.0	9.9	70.2	50.7	60.2
October	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.5	8.7	9.7	70.3	51.0	60.5
November	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.4	8.4	9.5	70.4	51.2	60.6
December	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.2	8.2	9.4	70.3	51.3	60.6
January	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.0	8.2	9.2	70.2	51.3	60.6
February	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	9.7	8.2	9.0	70.1	51.2	60.5
March	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	9.3	8.2	8.8	70.0	51.2	60.3
April	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8.9	8.2	8.6	69.8	51.1	60.2
May	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8.6	8.2	8.5	69.7	51.1	60.2
June	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8.5	8.2	8.4	69.7	51.2	60.2
1999-00									
July	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8.5	8.2	8.4	69.7	51.4	60.3
August	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8.5	8.2	8.4	69.7	51.6	60.4
September	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8.6	8.2	8.4	69.7	51.7	60.5
October	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8.7	8.2	8.5	69.8	51.9	60.6

(a) Population aged 15 and over.

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

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF EMPLOYEES

Period	Males			Females			Persons		
	Full-time adult 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
ANNUAL AVERAGE (\$ per week)									
1996-97	678.20	735.10	636.90	575.10	589.40	408.70	644.30	687.20	529.80
1997-98	705.60	755.05	646.28	606.05	619.33	438.50	670.53	707.20	545.70
1998-99	741.20	797.55	678.28	627.93	647.28	464.35	699.13	741.70	575.23
QUARTERLY, ORIGINAL (\$ per week)									
1997-98									
15 May	713.80	759.50	646.30	620.10	634.30	452.40	680.10	714.40	552.80
1998-99									
21 August	737.50	785.60	670.40	623.50	636.30	462.10	694.70	729.60	569.60
20 November	745.20	811.60	679.00	631.50	652.90	471.50	702.50	752.00	580.30
19 February	739.90	796.20	677.40	632.00	651.90	466.50	699.60	742.30	574.90
21 May	742.20	796.80	686.30	624.70	648.00	457.30	699.70	742.90	576.10
1999-00									
August	742.70	792.00	669.30	631.20	655.70	451.20	702.00	742.00	560.40
QUARTERLY, TREND (\$ per week)									
1997-98									
15 May	720.20	768.70	653.80	623.20	638.00	454.20	684.90	720.80	556.70
1998-99									
21 August	734.30	788.10	668.30	627.90	643.90	463.80	694.90	734.60	570.10
20 November	742.10	798.30	677.20	629.10	647.10	467.80	699.10	741.70	576.60
19 February	742.90	800.20	679.70	629.00	649.60	465.20	700.40	744.20	576.10
21 May	741.10	796.40	676.60	628.70	652.20	458.00	700.20	743.50	570.00
1999-00									
20 August	739.60	792.70	673.60	269.50	656.10	450.70	700.80	743.40	563.80

Source: Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia (Cat. no. 6302.0).

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SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS

Period	Original		Seasonally adjusted		Trend	
	Dwelling units	Value	Dwelling units	Value	Dwelling units	Value
	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m
1998-99						
July	3 144	269	3 117	266	3 076	262
August	2 787	233	2 985	249	2 987	258
September	2 807	242	2 807	245	2 911	255
October	2 685	238	2 740	247	2 871	256
November	3 000	278	2 879	267	2 879	261
December	3 151	294	3 153	290	2 927	267
January	2 392	216	2 850	259	2 995	274
February	3 019	274	3 073	279	3 064	280
March	3 718	344	3 182	292	3 137	287
April	3 162	290	3 175	290	3 213	296
May	3 237	301	3 303	305	3 296	306
June	3 592	342	3 320	318	3 379	318
1999-00						
July	3 397	319	3 538	331	3 449	329
August	3 419	331	3 567	343	3 503	339
September	3 534	348	3 467	348	3 543	347

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

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FINANCE COMMITMENTS

Period	Commercial finance commitments			Personal finance commitments			
	Fixed loan facilities	Revolving credit facilities	Total commercial finance commitments	Fixed loan facilities	Revolving credit facilities	Total personal finance commitments	Total lease finance commitments
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1998-99							
July	317.0	188.2	505.2	116.0	133.6	249.6	32.3
August	258.0	232.4	490.4	103.9	144.2	248.1	15.5
September	362.1	306.9	669.0	117.2	131.7	248.8	16.4
October	275.6	181.7	457.3	108.8	128.2	237.0	15.3
November	355.3	166.0	521.2	116.2	140.0	256.2	22.6
December	305.8	268.2	574.0	119.0	155.1	274.2	17.4
January	189.3	120.6	309.9	119.0	117.6	236.6	21.8
February	288.2	199.0	487.3	122.3	133.2	255.5	19.3
March	489.8	390.3	880.1	147.2	174.1	321.3	24.6
April	268.6	459.1	727.7	113.0	138.9	251.9	32.8
May	272.4	202.3	474.7	120.9	131.5	252.5	39.3
June	356.6	382.2	738.9	135.0	150.5	285.4	40.6
1999-00							
July	253.4	261.8	515.2	122.6	139.0	261.6	23.4
August	412.9	255.3	668.3	124.3	136.8	261.1	26.6
September	265.7	206.5	472.2	126.6	149.4	276.0	19.8

Source: Unpublished data, PC Ausstats.

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