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## NOTES

### FORTHCOMING ISSUES

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### DATA CHANGES

ABS statistical series are being impacted to varying degrees as a result of The New Tax System (TNTS), introduced in Australia from 1 July 2000. TNTS includes the removal of Wholesale Sales Tax and the introduction of a Goods and Services Tax (GST).

### IMPACT OF THE NEW TAX SYSTEM ON DATA SERIES IN THIS PUBLICATION

Users of Building Approvals data should exercise caution when analysing movements in the value series over the next few months as they have been affected in a number of ways. For further information see *Building Approvals, Australia* (Cat. no. 8731.0).

Users of Capital Expenditure data should exercise caution when analysing estimates of expected expenditure for 2000–01 financial year. Businesses in the Survey of New Capital Expenditure have been asked to report expected expenditure for 2000–01 financial year based on the cost to them under TNTS. For further information see *Private New Capital Expenditure, State Estimates* (Cat. no. 5646.0).

Users of Retail data should exercise caution when analysing movements in the series over time. Estimates of retail turnover in both original and seasonally adjusted terms reflect unusually large spending ahead of the GST. The trend series attempts to measure underlying behaviour and, in the short term, this measurement may be adversely affected by an unusual influence in the original and seasonally adjusted data. For further information see *Retail Trade, Australia* (Cat. no. 8501.0).

### SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

ACT	Australian Capital Territory
n.a.	not available
no.	number
n.p.	not available for publication
p	preliminary
. .	not applicable
*	Represents data with a standard error of greater than 25%. Caution should be exercised when using this data.
—	nil or rounded to zero

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## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

### UPDATED SERIES

Series updated since the October 2000 issue are: average retail prices, building approvals, housing finance, new motor vehicle registrations, labour force, industrial disputes, retail turnover and consumer price index.

This month's feature article beginning on page 6 is Manufacturing Industry in the ACT, 1998–99.

### NOTABLE MOVEMENTS

**Building approvals** The trend number of dwelling units approved in September 2000 in the ACT increased by 0.7% to 137. Nationally, the trend number of dwelling units approved decreased by 7.2% to 8,487 in this period.

The original value of non-residential building approvals in the ACT was \$7.5 million, a decrease of \$2.8 million over the previous month and an increase of \$3.5 million over September 1999. Nationally, the value of non-residential building approvals increased by 0.9% over the previous month and increased by 15.2% over September 1999.

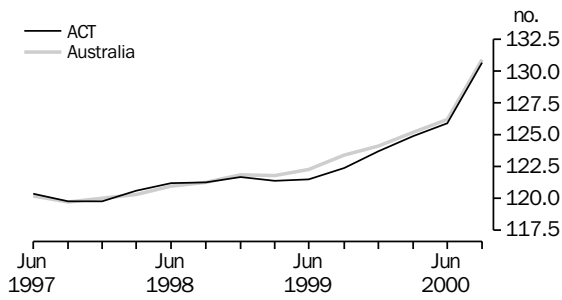
**Housing finance** The trend number of dwelling units financed (including refinancing) in the ACT in August 2000 was 735, a decrease of 3.7% over the previous month. Refinancing in the ACT of existing dwellings comprised 12.6% of the total value of dwelling units financed in August 2000, an increase of 30% over the previous month. The trend estimate for the value of commitments in the ACT decreased by 5.1% (to \$94 million) over the previous month.

Nationally, the trend number of dwelling units financed (including refinancing) during August 2000 was 41,902, a decrease of 0.1% over the previous month, while the trend estimate for the value of commitments decreased to \$5,361 million (1.7%) over the previous month.

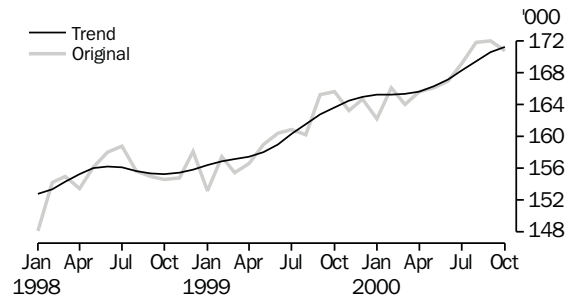
New motor vehicle registrations	The trend estimate for ACT new motor vehicle registrations in September 2000 was 1,165 an increase of 3% over the previous month, and up 8.5% over September 1999. Nationally, the trend for total new motor vehicle registrations in September 2000 increased 3.7% (to 71,715) over August 2000 and was up 17.5% over September 1999
Labour force	<p>At October 2000 the trend unemployment in the ACT decreased over the previous month by 2.5% to 7,700 people. The trend unemployment rate for the ACT decreased 0.1 percentage points to 4.3% over the previous month and decreased 1.4 percentage points over October 1999. The trend participation rate in the ACT increased 0.1 percentage points over the previous month to 73.5%. There was an increase in trend employment of 0.4% to 171,300 people over the same period.</p> <p>Nationally, trend unemployment decreased 0.7% to 610,500 people over the previous month with the unemployment rate remaining steady at 6.3%. The national participation rate remained steady at 63.8%. Trend employment increased by 0.1% to 9,131,300 people.</p>
Industrial disputes	For the 12 months ended July 2000 there were 31 working days lost per thousand employees in the ACT compared to 100 days nationally. This represents an increase of 182% (or 20 days) for the ACT and an increase of 69.5% (or 41 days) nationally over the 12 months to July 1999.
Retail turnover	<p>The ACT original series turnover at current prices for September 2000 was \$247.6 million, an increase of 1.2% over the previous month. The national turnover was \$12,516.4 million, an increase of 1.7% over this period.</p> <p>It is expected that recent changes in spending behaviour associated with the new tax system may occur for several months before regular shopping patterns are re-established. As the underlying behaviour of the series cannot be accurately estimated from data subject to these changes, the retail trend series in current price terms has been suspended as at June 2000.</p>
Consumer price index	The ACT experienced an increase of 3.8% in the All Groups Index for the September quarter 2000. This was slightly higher than the weighted average of the eight capital cities which increased by 3.7% during the same period. There was an increase in the ACT annual CPI rate to September quarter 2000 of 6.8%, while the index for the weighted average of the eight capital cities recorded an increase of 6.1% for the same period.

# SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS

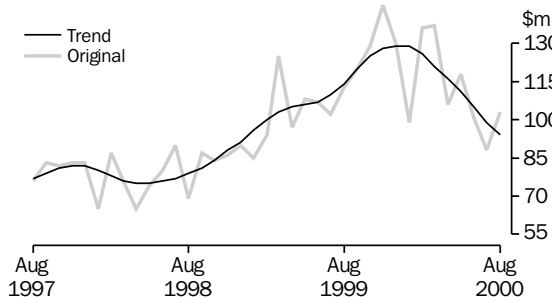
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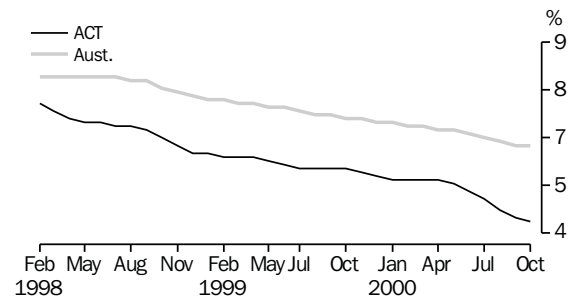
LABOUR FORCE, Employment



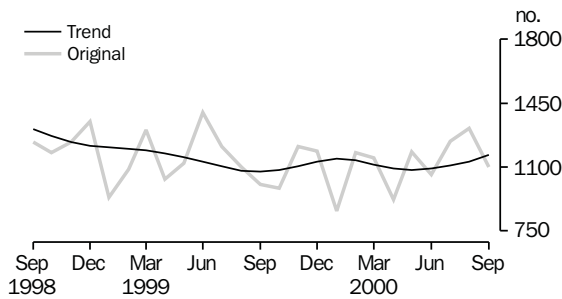
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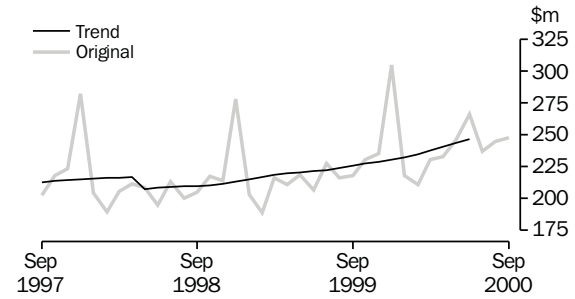
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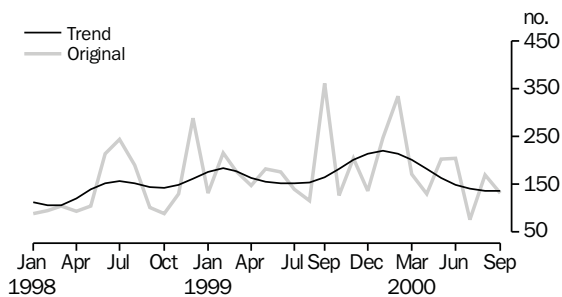
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS



RETAIL TURNOVER



BUILDING APPROVAL—DWELLING UNITS APPROVED



## FEATURE ARTICLE

## MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY IN THE ACT

**Overview** Turnover for the year 1998–99 by manufacturing establishments operating in the ACT was \$586.6 million, which resulted in an industry value added (IVA) for the year of \$225.1 million. The percentage contribution by the ACT to total Australian manufacturing for 1998–99 was 0.3% of turnover and IVA and at 30 June 1999 was 0.4% to employment.

**Employment and wages** Including working proprietors, at 30 June 1999, manufacturing establishments operating in the ACT employed 3,339 people, a decrease of 12.6% (481 people) over 30 June 1998 and paid \$111.7 million in wages and salaries, a decrease of \$7.3 million over 1997–98.

In the ACT the manufacturing industry with the largest contribution to employment at the end of June 1999 was Printing, publishing and recorded media (36.5%), followed by Machinery and equipment manufacturing (17.4%). These two industries also recorded the largest contributions to wages and salaries paid (41.2% and 16% respectively).

Seven of the nine industry subdivisions recorded a decrease in the level of employment between June 1998 and June 1999. Other manufacturing recorded the largest percentage increase for employment (up 6.9% from 334 to 357 people). Printing, publishing and recorded media registered the largest decrease in employment in absolute terms (down 261 from 1,479 to 1,218 people).

**Turnover** Total turnover in manufacturing in the ACT in 1998–99 increased by \$0.5 million (0.1%) over the previous year. Four of the nine industry subdivisions recorded an increase in turnover. The industry to record the largest increase was Wood and paper product manufacturing, up \$12.1 million (30%), followed by Printing, publishing and recorded media, up \$7.7 million (4%), Metal product manufacturing up \$2.1 million (6.9%), and Other manufacturing up \$6.7 million (15.7%). Petroleum, coal, chemical and associated product manufacturing remained steady with retail turnover at \$2.8 million.

Decreases in turnover occurred in the following industry subdivisions:

- Non-metallic mineral product manufacturing, down \$12.2 million (30%);
- Machinery and equipment manufacturing, down \$12.6 million (11.8%);
- Textiles, clothing, footwear and leather manufacturing, down \$0.8 million (7.3%); and
- Food, beverage and tobacco manufacturing, down \$2.2 million (1.8%).

Turnover per person employed in the manufacturing industry in the ACT in 1998–99 was \$175,700 compared to \$153,400 in 1997–98. In 1998–99, Printing, publishing and recorded media recorded the highest turnover (\$199.4 million) followed by the Food, beverages and tobacco manufacturing industry (\$117.1 million). Printing, publishing and recorded media also recorded the highest industry value added (\$96.8 million) followed by Machinery and equipment manufacturing (\$35 million).

#### ACT MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS

<i>ANZSIC Industry Subdivision</i>	<i>Employment(a)</i>	<i>Wages and salaries(b)</i>	<i>Industry value added(b)</i>	1998–99	1997–98
				<i>Turnover(b)(c)</i>	<i>Turnover(b)(c)</i>
	<i>no.</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>
Food, beverages and tobacco manufacturing	418	14.3	25.9	117.1	119.3
Textiles, clothing, footwear and leather manufacturing	134	2.1	4.5	10.2	11.0
Wood and paper product manufacturing	269	10.0	22.9	52.5	40.4
Printing, publishing and recorded media	1 218	46.0	96.8	199.4	191.7
Petroleum, coal, chemical and associated product manufacturing	25	0.8	1.5	2.8	2.8
Non-metallic mineral product manufacturing	100	3.3	9.2	28.4	40.6
Metal product manufacturing	236	6.9	11.5	32.5	30.4
Machinery and equipment manufacturing	582	17.9	35.0	94.3	106.9
Other manufacturing	357	10.4	17.8	49.5	42.8
<b>Total manufacturing</b>	<b>3 339</b>	<b>111.7</b>	<b>225.1</b>	<b>586.6</b>	<b>586.1</b>

(a) Includes working proprietors.

(b) Value data are at current prices and therefore do not discount the impact of price changes.

(c) From the 1997–98 manufacturing collection and onwards, industry value added (IVA) replaces industry gross product (IGP) as the measure of an industry's contribution to gross domestic product.

Source: *Manufacturing Industry, New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory, 1998–99 (Cat. no. 8221.1)*.

	ACT	Aust.
	%	%
<b>Short-term</b>		
Dec qtr 1997–Mar qtr 1998	-1.1	-0.3
Mar qtr 1998–Jun qtr 1998	-0.1	1.7
Jun qtr 1998–Sep qtr 1998	2.7	1.1
Sep qtr 1998–Dec qtr 1998	3.5	1.6
Dec qtr 1998–Mar qtr 1999	-2.7	-0.9
Mar qtr 1999–Jun qtr 1999	0.4	1.8
Jun qtr 1999–Sep qtr 1999	1.4	1.8
Sep qtr 1999–Dec qtr 1999	1.9	2.4
Dec qtr 1999–Mar qtr 2000	-5.4	-0.7
Mar qtr 2000–Jun qtr 2000	1.5	1.6
Jun qtr 2000–Sep qtr 2000	-3.6	0.8
Sep qtr 2000–Dec qtr 2000	4.1	1.3
<b>Medium-term</b>		
Dec qtr 1997–Dec qtr 1998	2.9	3.0
Mar qtr 1998–Mar qtr 1999	2.6	2.6
Jun qtr 1998–Jun qtr 1999	6.9	2.7
Sep qtr 1998–Sep qtr 1999	7.5	2.9
Dec qtr 1998–Dec qtr 1999	2.6	2.7
Mar qtr 1999–Mar qtr 2000	1.7	2.3
Jun qtr 1999–Jun qtr 2000	5.7	3.3
Sep qtr 1999–Sep qtr 2000	2.8	2.7
Dec qtr 1999–Dec qtr 2000	0.1	1.8
Mar qtr 2000–Mar qtr 2001	1.6	2.5
Jun qtr 2000–Jun qtr 2001	-2.6	1.5
Sep qtr 2000–Sep qtr 2001	4.3	2.0

(a) These data are all expectations and are not subsequently revised.

Source: Australian Business Expectations, December Quarter 2000 (Cat. no. 5250.0).



Indicator	Unit	ACT			Aust.		
		Latest figure	% change from		Latest figure	% change from	
			Previous period	Same period previous year		Previous period	Same period previous year
<b>POPULATION, VITAL AND LABOUR</b>							
POPULATION, Mar qtr 00	'000	311.1	0.3	0.7	19 104.6	0.3	1.1
Natural increase	no.	700	6.1	-7.8	29 682	-6.6	-10.6
Net migration	no.	75	-132.5	-122.9	23 699	-14.1	68.1
Total increase	no.	775	80.7	79.8	53 381	-10.1	12.9
<b>LABOUR FORCE, Oct 00</b>							
Original series							
Employed	'000	170.8	-0.7	3.1	9 125.1	-0.7	2.7
Unemployed	'000	7.4	-10.8	-20.4	585.4	-7.4	-9.0
Unemployment rate	%	4.2	-0.4	-1.1	6.0	-0.4	-0.7
Participation rate	%	73.3	-0.8	-0.3	63.6	-0.8	0.3
Long-term unemployed, Sep 00	no.	2 244	22.0	-19.8	162 700	-2.9	-23.2
Long-term unemployed as percentage of total unemployed	%	26.9	1.1	-2.4	25.7	-2.2	-4.0
Trend series, Oct 00							
Employed	'000	171.3	0.4	4.6	9 131.3	0.1	3.1
Unemployed	'000	7.7	-2.5	-21.4	610.5	-0.7	-8.9
Unemployment rate	%	4.3	-0.1	-1.4	6.3	—	-0.7
Participation rate	%	73.5	0.1	0.5	63.8	—	0.5
<b>WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, Jun qtr 00</b>							
Number employed—Trend series							
Public sector	'000	69.3	0.6	3.7	1 461.7	-0.3	0.8
Private sector	'000	85.5	2.4	2.9	5 786.9	1.0	1.1
Total	'000	154.8	1.6	3.3	7 248.6	0.7	1.0
Gross earnings—Original series							
Public sector	\$m	824.6	-10.5	5.4	15 059.5	-2.7	2.4
Private sector	\$m	606.6	0.4	-11.8	48 010.7	3.8	3.9
Total	\$m	1 431.2	-6.2	-2.6	63 070.2	2.1	3.6
JOB VACANCIES, Aug qtr 00	'000	3.0	—	-9.1	127.7	19.6	16.1
<b>INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES IN PROGRESS, Jul 00</b>							
Working days lost	'000	0.0	—	—	21.9	-64.4	-54.4
Days lost per '000 employees (year ended Jul 00)	no.	31.0	-6.1	181.8	100.0	-3.8	69.5
<b>BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION</b>							
<b>HOUSING FINANCE, Aug 00</b>							
Secured commitments to individuals for							
Original series							
Construction of dwellings	\$m	11.0	—	10.0	602.0	11.5	-36.6
Purchase of new dwellings	\$m	5.0	66.7	66.7	212.0	15.8	-5.4
Purchase of established dwellings	\$m	74.0	13.8	-9.8	5 199.0	14.7	6.1
Re-financing	\$m	13.0	30.0	-27.8	1 123.0	10.0	19.0
Total housing commitments	\$m	103.0	17.0	-8.8	6 013.0	14.4	-1.0
Seasonally adjusted series							
Total housing commitments	\$m	100.0	8.7	-11.5	5 665.0	6.1	-5.5
Trend series							
Dwelling units financed	no.	735	-3.7	-20.0	41 902	-0.1	-9.1
Total housing commitments	\$m	94.0	-5.1	-17.5	5 361.0	-1.7	-12.9
<b>BUILDING APPROVALS, Sep 00</b>							
Original series							
Dwelling units	no.	131	-22.9	-63.7	8 926	-9.4	-41.4
Value of new residential	\$m	17.5	-31.1	-61.9	1 147.3	-10.6	-36.7
Value of residential alterations and additions	\$m	3.4	-22.7	-41.4	230.4	-10.2	-23.3
Value of non-residential	\$m	7.5	-27.2	87.5	995.4	0.9	15.2
Value of total building	\$m	28.5	-28.9	-49.1	2 373.2	-6.1	-20.3
Trend series							
Dwelling units	no.	137	0.7	-17.0	8 487	-7.2	-42.8

Indicator	Unit	ACT			Aust.		
		Latest figure	% change from		Latest figure	% change from	
			Previous period	Same period previous year		Previous period	Same period previous year
<b>BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION continued</b>							
BUILDING COMMENCEMENTS, Jun qtr 00							
New houses	no.	422	11.1	11.3	29 706	-6.2	8.3
Value of houses commenced	\$m	59.8	4.4	20.1	3 999.4	-4.6	18.1
Value of non-residential building commenced	\$m	121.2	36.5	78.0	3 042.9	9.6	7.6
Value of total commencements	\$m	209.2	9.0	38.2	9 380.6	-0.2	16.1
PRICE INDEXES							
Established house price index, Jun qtr 00	no.	142.0	1.4	9.7	147.3	2.4	9.7
<b>ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION, Jun qtr 00</b>							
Private sector							
Value of work commenced	\$m	50.6	-29.5	208.5	2 753.2	-20.1	-13.1
Value of work done	\$m	48.3	-13.9	109.1	2 946.4	2.7	-7.7
Value of work yet to be done	\$m	64.0	77.3	68.9	5 069.3	-10.3	-10.9
Value of work done by public sector	\$m	30.9	32.1	6.9	2 266.9	19.1	6.6
<b>PRICES, WAGES AND CONSUMER SPENDING</b>							
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, Sep qtr 00(a)							
Food	no.	134.1	2.3	5.0	132.4	1.7	3.0
Housing	no.	106.7	6.1	11.1	107.4	6.1	9.5
Transportation	no.	138.6	1.6	5.3	135.6	2.6	6.9
All groups	no.	130.7	3.8	6.8	130.9	3.7	6.1
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, May qtr 00							
Original series							
Males	\$	979.8	1.8	10.5	832.8	1.0	4.3
Females	\$	826.2	2.1	6.4	697.9	0.9	4.2
Persons	\$	911.8	1.9	8.4	782.6	1.0	4.2
Trend series							
Males	\$	989.3	2.4	11.5	835.0	1.6	5.1
Females	\$	827.5	1.1	5.9	697.7	1.1	4.0
Persons	\$	914.0	1.6	8.4	783.7	1.4	4.6
WAGE COST INDEX, Jun qtr 00(b)							
Public sector	no.	106.6	0.3	2.0	109.1	0.6	2.7
Private sector	no.	107.8	0.6	3.4	108.1	0.6	2.9
Total	no.	107.0	0.4	2.5	108.4	0.6	2.8
<b>RETAIL TURNOVER, Sep 00</b>							
Original series							
Food retailing	\$m	91.7	-3.4	14.5	4 971.7	-0.6	3.3
Department stores	\$m	23.8	6.7	7.2	1 035.4	4.5	3.3
Hospitality and services	\$m	41.3	4.8	19.7	2 286.2	3.4	11.1
All other retailing	\$m	90.8	3.2	11.3	4 223.1	3.0	3.8
Total	\$m	247.6	1.2	13.4	12 516.4	1.7	4.8
Trend series							
Food retailing	\$m	n.p.	n.a.	n.a.	n.p.	n.a.	n.a.
Department stores	\$m	n.p.	n.a.	n.a.	n.p.	n.a.	n.a.
Hospitality and services	\$m	n.p.	n.a.	n.a.	n.p.	n.a.	n.a.
All other retailing	\$m	n.p.	n.a.	n.a.	n.p.	n.a.	n.a.
Total	\$m	n.p.	n.a.	n.a.	n.p.	n.a.	n.a.

(a) Base year: 1989-90 = 100.0.

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

Indicator	Unit	ACT			Aust.		
		% change from			% change from		
		Latest figure	Previous period	Same period previous year	Latest figure	Previous period	Same period previous year
<b>TOURISM AND TRANSPORT</b>							
HOTELS, MOTELS AND GUEST HOUSE ACCOMMODATION, Jun qtr 00							
Original series							
Room nights occupied	'000	296.4	9.3	14.1	10 000.0	-0.9	6.1
Takings at current prices	\$m	30.1	27.0	18.5	1 039.5	-4.5	9.8
Guest arrivals	'000	222.8	23.8	17.9	7 847.0	-1.1	4.4
Guest nights	'000	486.8	21.0	17.0	17 370.0	-3.7	5.8
Room occupancy rate	%	64.7	7.1	3.8	57.1	-1.1	0.9
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS, Sep 00							
Original series	no.	1 101	-16.1	9.4	63 958	-16.3	8.0
Seasonally adjusted series	no.	1 171	0.9	21.2	68 155	-9.2	12.9
Trend series	no.	1 165	3.0	8.5	71 715	3.7	17.5
<b>STATE ACCOUNTS</b>							
STATE ACCOUNTS, Jun qtr 00							
Trend series (chain volume measure)(a)							
Household final consumption expenditure	\$m	1 755	2.2	8.1	93 580	0.8	3.9
General government final consumption expenditure	\$m	2 586	3.6	18.3	30 329	2.4	9.9
Private gross fixed capital formation	\$m	411	1.2	32.2	31 906	1.8	7.4
Public gross fixed capital formation	\$m	228	-3.0	-14.3	6 415	-4.4	-3.8
State final demand	\$m	4 959	2.1	13.0	157 959	1.0	4.5
GROSS STATE PRODUCT (trend, chain volume measures) 1998-99	\$m	11 822	2.6	..	591 546	4.5	..
PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, Jun qtr 00							
Original series (at current prices)							
Buildings and structures	\$m	24	14.3	4.3	3 215	16.2	14.8
Equipment, plant and machinery	\$m	86	21.1	75.5	8 126	17.1	3.8
Total	\$m	110	19.6	52.8	11 341	16.8	6.7
Trend series (at current prices)							
Buildings and structures	\$m	23	0.0	27.8	2 966	5.6	-5.1
Equipment, plant and machinery	\$m	83	7.8	48.2	7 529	-1.2	-1.0
Total	\$m	106	6.0	43.2	10 495	0.7	-2.2
INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE, Jun qtr 00							
Imports	\$m	3	—	-66.7	28 803	9.0	21.9
Exports	\$m	7	—	16.7	26 656	11.7	31.4

(a) Quarterly state final demand details are released as a special data service (Cat. no. 5206.0.40.001).

(b) Reference year for chain volume measures is 1998-99.

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Indicator	Unit	Latest period	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
<b>POPULATION</b>	'000	Mar qtr 00	6 448.8	4 753.9	3 549.3	1 496.1	1 877.5	470.3	194.5	311.1	19 104.6
<b>LABOUR FORCE</b> , trend series											
Employed persons	'000	Oct 00	3 056.3	2 299.2	1 693.4	682.1	931.3	199.6	92.3	171.3	9 131.3
Unemployment rate	%	Oct 00	5.4	6.2	7.5	7.2	6.0	9.5	5.2	4.3	6.3
<b>WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS</b> , trend series											
Public sector	'000	Jun qtr 00	465.7	309.2	292.1	114.6	147.7	41.2	22.3	69.3	1 461.7
Private sector	'000	Jun qtr 00	1 944.5	1 553.5	1 025.7	416.6	589.0	115.4	56.7	85.5	5 786.9
Total public and private sector, trend series	'000	Jun qtr 00	2 410.2	1 862.7	1 317.8	531.2	736.7	156.6	79.0	154.8	7 248.6
<b>STATE ACCOUNTS</b>											
Gross state product (chain volume measures)	\$m	1998-99	209 937	151 213	96 000	40 493	63 198	11 059	6 460	11 822	591 546
<b>PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</b>											
Trend series	\$m	Jun qtr 00	3 863	2 682	1 870	650	1 238	125	125	106	10 495
<b>BUILDING APPROVALS</b>											
Dwelling units approved, original series	no.	Sep 00	2 569	2 458	1 985	409	1 207	105	62	131	8 926
Dwelling units approved, trend series	no.	Sep 00	2 320	2 472	1 685	430	1 219	87	91	137	8 487
Value of non-residential building approved, original series	\$m	Sep 00	308.1	291.8	225.3	29.4	92.4	23.2	17.8	7.5	995.4
Value of all buildings approved, original series	\$m	Sep 00	761.0	694.9	487.1	84.1	253.2	36.2	28.3	28.5	2 373.2
<b>ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION</b>											
Value of engineering construction work done	\$m	Jun qtr 00	1 802.7	858.9	1 325.3	347.5	663.9	73.1	62.6	79.2	5 213.2
<b>AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS</b> , trend series											
Full-time adult ordinary time	\$	May qtr 00	824.9	765.8	724.9	728.4	804.1	736.6	797.4	914.0	783.7
<b>RETAIL TRADE</b> , original series											
Retail turnover	\$m	Sep 00	4 490.9	2 847.6	2 355.2	900.3	1 269.8	264.9	140.0	247.6	12 516.4
<b>HOTELS, MOTELS &amp; GUEST HOUSE ACCOMMODATION</b>											
Room nights occupied	'000	Jun qtr 00	3 323.9	1 628.9	2 677.2	536.4	934.0	248.5	354.6	296.4	10 000.0
Room occupancy rate	%	Jun qtr 00	58.1	57.1	56.5	56.4	54.4	49.7	63.0	64.7	57.1
<b>NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS</b>											
Trend series	no.	Sep 00	24 719	18 837	13 733	4 320	6 975	1 283	683	1 165	71 715
	Unit	Latest period	Syd.	Melb.	Bris.	Adel.	Perth	Hob.	Dar.	Canb.	Aust.
<b>CONSUMER PRICE INDEX(c)</b>											
Food	no.	Sep qtr 00	133.4	131.6	131.4	133.8	132.9	130.9	131.1	134.1	132.4
Housing	no.	Sep qtr 00	115.8	97.8	112.0	103.9	101.3	105.5	123.9	106.7	107.4
Transportation	no.	Sep qtr 00	136.7	134.5	134.6	136.8	136.0	133.3	130.6	138.6	135.6
All Groups	no.	Sep qtr 00	131.6	130.4	131.3	132.3	128.6	131.3	130.0	130.7	130.9
<b>AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES</b>											
Milk, carton, supermarket sales	1litre	Sep qtr 00	133	147	142	137	144	129	149	122	..
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales	680 g	Sep qtr 00	236	246	217	219	221	239	224	233	..
Beef, rump steak	1 kg	Sep qtr 00	1 223	1 113	1 104	1 202	1 143	1 080	1 227	1 235	..
Chicken, frozen	1 kg	Sep qtr 00	369	353	354	339	360	325	414	368	..
Potatoes	1 kg	Sep qtr 00	109	135	112	75	135	103	135	121	..
Coffee, instant (jar)	150 g	Sep qtr 00	624	623	604	551	570	655	543	636	..
Scotch nip, public bar	30 ml	Sep qtr 00	371	368	311	385	411	296	370	309	..
Private motoring petrol											
Leaded	1 litre	Sep qtr 00	95.9	94.9	87.5	95.4	97.0	102.2	103.8	98.6	..
Unleaded	1 litre	Sep qtr 00	93.0	92.0	84.6	92.6	94.0	99.9	100.9	95.6	..

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(b) Reference year for chain volume measures is 1998-99.

(c) Base year: 1989-90 = 100.0.

Indicator	Latest period	State								
		NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
<b>POPULATION</b>	Mar qtr 00	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.4	—	0.2	0.3	0.3
<b>LABOUR FORCE</b> , trend series										
Employed persons	Oct 00	-0.1	0.3	-0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	1.0	0.4	0.1
Unemployment rate	Oct 00	-0.1	—	—	-0.3	-0.1	—	-0.1	-0.1	—
<b>WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS</b> , trend series										
Public sector	Jun qtr 00	0.3	2.0	1.0	0.6	-0.1	0.2	1.8	0.3	0.8
Private sector	Jun qtr 00	-1.4	2.3	0.7	1.1	0.6	-1.0	3.8	2.7	0.5
Total public and private sector	Jun qtr 00	-1.0	2.3	0.8	1.0	0.5	-0.7	3.2	1.6	0.5
<b>STATE ACCOUNTS</b>										
Gross state product (chain volume measures)(a)(b)	1998-99	4.1	6.2	4.5	2.1	2.1	2.5	7.6	2.6	4.5
<b>PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</b> , trend series										
Total (at current prices)	Jun qtr 00	-2.0	-1.8	0.3	-3.7	-3.3	-1.8	6.5	6.0	0.7
<b>BUILDING APPROVALS</b>										
Dwelling units approved, original series	Sep 00	-6.1	-10.5	-10.2	-21.6	-6.5	26.5	-34.0	-22.9	-9.4
Dwelling units approved, trend series	Sep 00	-6.7	-9.4	-8.3	-11.7	-3.7	-13.9	-4.2	0.7	-7.2
Value of non-residential building approved, original series	Sep 00	12.3	9.0	26.8	-67.2	-0.6	116.8	-71.8	-27.2	0.9
Value of all buildings approved, original series	Sep 00	0.3	-6.4	5.8	-47.2	-4.2	52.7	-63.3	-28.9	-6.1
<b>ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION</b> , original series										
Value of engineering construction work done	Jun qtr 00	25.3	-2.6	7.8	-0.3	-0.2	2.2	5.6	-0.4	9.2
<b>AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS</b> , trend series										
Full-time adult ordinary time	May qtr 00	1.5	1.0	1.1	1.4	2.0	1.7	1.3	1.6	1.4
<b>RETAIL TRADE</b> , original series										
Retail turnover	Sep 00	4.7	-0.2	-0.3	0.5	1.3	1.3	-5.8	1.2	1.7
<b>HOTELS, MOTELS &amp; GUEST HOUSE ACCOMMODATION</b>										
Room nights occupied	Jun qtr 00	-1.9	-8.1	4.2	-2.6	0.2	-25.8	-43.5	9.3	-0.9
Room occupancy rate	Jun qtr 00	-2.2	-5.2	1.8	-1.6	-0.1	-16.5	15.3	3.8	-1.1
<b>NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS</b>										
Trend series	Sep 00	3.6	4.2	2.9	4.1	4.9	3.5	2.6	3.0	3.7
	Latest period	Syd.	Melb.	Bris.	Adel.	Perth	Hob.	Dar.	Canb.	Aust.
<b>CONSUMER PRICE INDEX(c)</b>										
Food	Sep qtr 00	2.1	1.2	1.8	1.4	2.5	1.4	0.8	2.3	1.7
Housing	Sep qtr 00	5.7	6.7	6.3	5.7	6.2	6.4	4.8	6.1	6.1
Transportation	Sep qtr 00	2.4	2.5	3.1	3.7	3.3	3.1	1.0	1.6	2.6
All Groups	Sep qtr 00	3.6	3.8	3.9	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.4	3.8	3.7
<b>AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES (cents)</b>										
Milk, carton, supermarket sales	Sep qtr 00	-1.5	-2.0	-2.1	-4.2	-0.7	-4.4	2.8	-0.8	..
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales	Sep qtr 00	2.2	0.8	0.9	1.9	-1.3	-0.8	-0.4	0.9	..
Beef, rump steak	Sep qtr 00	-5.7	-2.1	-3.1	-7.8	-2.4	-1.5	-5.5	-1.2	..
Chicken, frozen	Sep qtr 00	-1.3	-6.4	6.9	0.3	-0.8	-14.9	8.7	-4.2	..
Potatoes	Sep qtr 00	3.8	-0.7	8.7	-7.4	-5.6	1.0	—	-0.8	..
Coffee, instant (jar)	Sep qtr 00	12.4	1.3	5.4	5.8	-4.7	0.6	-13.0	0.3	..
Scotch nip, public bar	Sep qtr 00	7.2	7.6	9.1	4.3	4.6	7.6	5.1	9.2	..
Private motoring petrol										
Leaded	Sep qtr 00	8.1	12.2	10.5	10.8	11.6	9.1	8.5	8.7	..
Unleaded	Sep qtr 00	8.4	12.2	10.9	11.0	11.8	9.1	8.6	8.9	..

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