

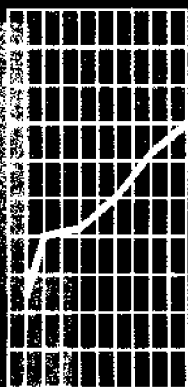


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Australian Capital Territory



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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

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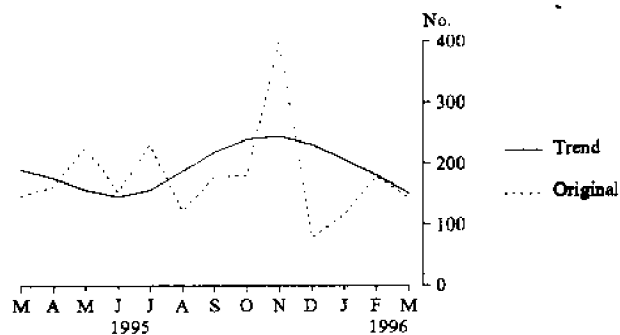
Series updated since the April 1996 issue are: State accounts; labour force; industrial disputes; housing finance, building approvals, building commencements; consumer price index, average retail prices; retail turnover; new motor vehicle registrations; and engineering construction. A feature article on the profile of small business operators in ACT is included on page 6.

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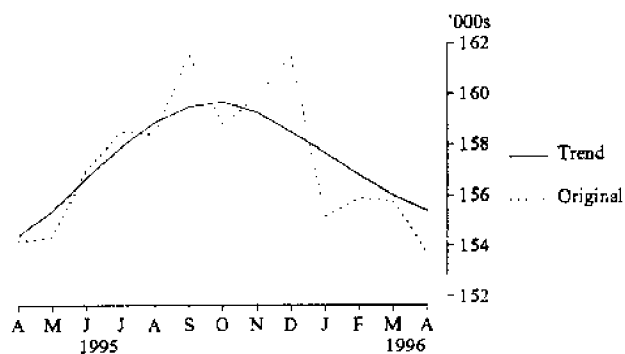
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| State accounts | Trend gross State product at average 1989-90 prices for the ACT increased by 0.4% in the December quarter 1995 to \$2,099 million an increase of 1.1% over the year. The trend gross State product at current prices increased by 0.8% in the December quarter 1995 and increased by 2.3% over the year, which was the lowest of any State or Territory. |
| Unemployment | The trend number of persons employed in the ACT has fallen for each of the last five months from a peak of 159,700 persons in October 1995 to 155,400 persons in April 1996 (an overall fall of 4,300 persons or - 2.7%). Over the same period, the trend unemployment rate has steadily increased from 7.0% to 8.3% and the trend participation rate has decreased from 74.3% to 73.0%. |
| Industrial disputes | In January 1996, there were only 10 working days lost per 1,000 employees in the ACT compared with 80 working days lost per 1,000 employees nationally. |
| Housing | <p>The trend number of dwelling units financed (includes refinancing) in the ACT during February 1996 decreased by 0.2% to 870 dwellings. The trend estimate for the value of commitments in the ACT in February 1996 was \$88.1 million, an increase of 1% on the previous month.</p> <p>The trend number of dwelling units approved in the ACT has fallen for each of the last 4 months from a peak of 245 dwellings in November 1995 to 151 dwellings in March 1996 (an overall fall of 38.4%). Over the same period nationally, it remained at the same level.</p> <p>The number of new residential housing commencements in the ACT increased by 9.8% in the December quarter 1995 to 380, compared with a fall of 6.1% nationally. The ACT also recorded an increase of 9.8% in the value of building commencements, nationally there was a fall of 7.5% for the December quarter 1995.</p> |
| Prices | The ACT had an increase of 0.7% for the All groups CPI between the December and March quarters, resulting in an annual increase to March quarter 1996 of 3.9%. |
| Retail turnover | The trend estimate for retail turnover in the ACT for March 1996 was \$188.1 million, up slightly on the previous month's figure of \$187.2 million. Nationally trend retail turnover increased by 8.2% over the last 12 months compared to 4.3% for the ACT. |
| New motor vehicle registrations | The trend estimate for new motor vehicle registrations for the ACT in March 1996 was 1,033, a decrease of 1.5% over February, and 1.4% lower than for March 1995. Nationally, the trend for total new registrations has shown consecutive rises since October 1995, with March 1996 recording a 1% increase. |

SELECTED BUSINESS INDICATORS

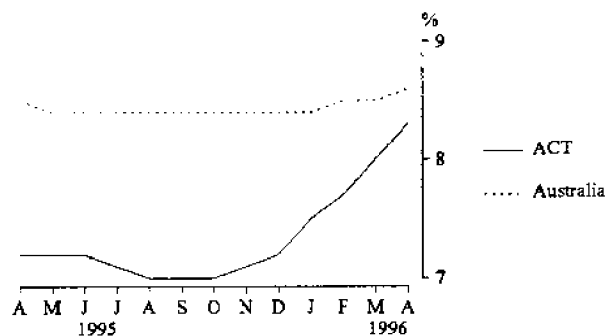
BUILDING APPROVALS —
NUMBER OF DWELLING
UNITS APPROVED



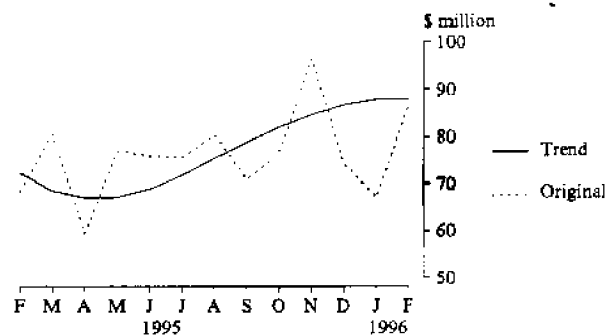
LABOUR FORCE —
EMPLOYMENT



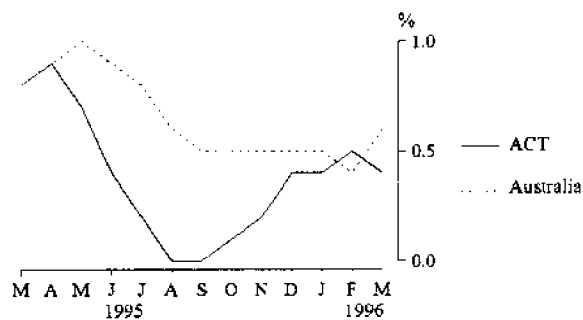
LABOUR FORCE — TREND
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE



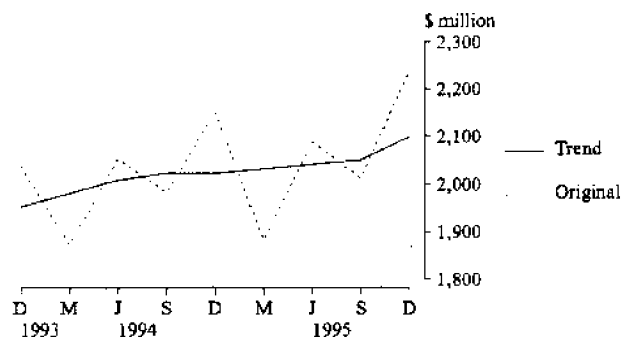
HOUSING FINANCE —
TOTAL HOUSING
COMMITMENTS



MONTHLY RETAIL
TURNOVER — TREND
PERCENTAGE CHANGE
FROM PREVIOUS MONTH



GROSS STATE PRODUCT —
AT AVERAGE 1989-90
PRICES



FEATURE ARTICLE

PROFILE OF SMALL BUSINESS OPERATORS IN ACT

Summarised below are results for the ACT from the Characteristics of Small Business Survey which was conducted in February 1995. The survey addressed a number of aspects of the operations of small business as well as the characteristics of small business operators.

The survey found that there were around 13,300 small businesses in the ACT operated by 19,900 people who were either sole proprietors, working directors or business partners. Most (67%) of the ACT small business operators were aged between 30 and 50 years and had gained either a degree or diploma (35%) or had secondary school qualifications (38%). Just over 70% of small business operators indicated that they worked full time in their business.

Of the 13,300 small business in the ACT, 1,800 (14%) had been operating for less than one year. Only 2,800 (21%) of all small businesses had a written business plan, but of these, 93% were currently operating from that plan. In the 12 months to February 1995, 10,600 small businesses (80%) consulted some form of advisory service, the most common being external accountants.

Nearly all (93%) of the small businesses identified in the survey were considered to be successful by their operators, with 25% rating their business as highly successful. These businesses stated that having a quality product or service was the main factor leading to this success.

CHARACTERISTICS OF SMALL BUSINESS, 1995

	ACT '000	Australia '000
Small businesses	13.3	795.0
Small business operators		
Male	12.7	827.8
Female	7.2	424.3
Total	19.9	1 252.1
Aged 30-50 years	13.3	816.0
Small business operators		
With secondary school qualifications	7.5	514.4
With a basic or skilled vocational qualifications	5.3	416.8
With a degree or diploma	6.9	310.5
Who worked full time in the business		
Male	11.1	708.5
Female	2.9	186.5
Total	14.0	895.0
Who were born overseas	4.2	239.7
Small businesses		
That employed		
1-4 employees	3.2	269.3
5-19 employees	2.3	141.1
Were non-employers	7.8	384.2
Operated by the current operator		
For less than 1 year	1.8	102.4
From 1 to 5 years	5.4	272.1
From 5 to less than 10 years	2.9	183.5
For more than 10 years	3.3	236.7
That had		
One operator per business	6.3	326.0
Two operators per business	6.2	407.1
Operated from home	3.3	182.4
That had a written business plan	2.8	146.3
That operated under that plan	2.6	130.9
Which used advisory services	10.6	605.0
Rated by their operators as highly successful	3.3	157.4

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AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS EXPECTATIONS: SALES, JUNE QUARTER 1996/MARCH QUARTER 1997, EXPECTED AGGREGATE CHANGE

	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
<i>Period</i>	%	%
Short-term		
Dec. qtr 1994-Mar. qtr 1995	- 1.3	- 0.5
Mar. qtr 1995-June qtr 1995	5.2	1.4
June qtr 1995-Sept. qtr 1995	0.8	1.3
Sept. qtr 1995-Dec. qtr 1995	2.0	2.1
Dec. qtr 1995-Mar. qtr 1996	0.5	- 0.2
Mar. qtr 1996-June qtr 1996	1.8	2.3
Medium-term		
Dec. qtr 1994-Dec. qtr 1995	3.5	3.3
Mar. qtr 1995-Mar. qtr 1996	3.0	3.0
June qtr 1995-June qtr 1996	- 0.8	2.3
Sept. qtr 1995-Sept. qtr 1996	3.1	3.4
Dec. qtr 1995-Dec. qtr 1996	3.8	4.4
Mar. qtr 1996-Mar. qtr 1997	2.3	4.1

Indicator	Unit	Australian Capital Territory			Australia		
		Latest figure	Change from		Latest figure	Change from	
			Previous period	Same period previous year		Previous period	Same period previous year
			%	%		%	%
POPULATION, VITAL AND LABOUR							
POPULATION, September qtr 95	'000s	304.9	0.3	1.1	18 114.4	0.3	1.3
Natural increase	no.	702	- 16.5	- 0.1	29 319	- 14.3	5.4
Net migration	no.	83	- 114.6	- 170.9	31 092	60.8	32.2
Total increase	no.	785	186.5	34.0	60 411	12.9	17.7
LABOUR FORCE, April 96							
Original series							
Employed	'000s	153.7	- 1.3	- 0.3	8 277.8	- 0.3	0.6
Unemployed	'000s	14.8	- 5.7	26.5	793.0	- 2.2	6.7
Unemployment rate ¹	%	8.8	- 0.3	1.8	8.7	- 0.2	0.4
Participation rate ¹	%	72.6	- 1.3	0.4	63.4	- 0.4	- 0.3
Long-term unemployed (March 96)	no.	3 408	7.4	11.6	230 099	- 6.2	- 12.6
Long-term unemployed as percentage total unemployed (March 96) ¹	%	21.8	0.8	- 0.5	28.4	- 0.2	- 3.9
Trend series							
Employed	'000s	155.4	- 0.4	0.6	8 304.6	- 0.1	1.2
Unemployed	'000s	14.0	2.9	17.6	783.0	0.8	2.3
Unemployment rate ¹	%	8.3	0.3	1.1	8.6	0.1	0.1
Participation rate ¹	%	73.0	- 0.1	0.6	63.5	- 0.1	- 0.2
JOB VACANCIES, February 96	'000s	1.6	14.3	23.1	63.9	13.9	11.7
INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES IN PROGRESS, Jan. 96							
Working days lost	'000s	0.2	20.0	80.2	51.5
Days lost per '000 employees (year ended August 95)	no.	10.0	11.1	25.0	80.0	1.3	5.3
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION							
HOUSING FINANCE, February 96							
Secured commitments to individuals for Original series							
Construction of dwellings	\$m	5.6	16.7	3.7	523.8	28.6	2.3
Purchase of new dwellings	\$m	7.8	—	- 31.6	190.7	16.3	17.4
Purchase of established dwellings	\$m	53.7	34.3	23.4	3 183.0	23.0	24.6
Total housing commitments	\$m	86.8	28.8	26.9	3 897.4	23.4	20.7
Seasonally adjusted series							
Total housing commitments	\$m	84.7	0.1	22.8	3 896.4	- 0.9	16.6
Trend series							
Dwelling units financed	no.	870	- 0.2	18.5	39 483	1.2	13.2
Total housing commitments	\$m	88.1	1.0	21.9	3 840	1.5	15.6
BUILDING APPROVALS, March 96							
Original series							
Dwelling units	no.	143	- 20.1	- 3.4	10 163	0.5	- 24.7
Value of new residential	\$m	12.1	- 24.4	- 29.2	926.2	- 2.7	- 25.6
Value of residential alterations and additions	\$m	2.7	- 18.2	- 30.8	209.6	18.0	- 3.2
Value of non-residential	\$m	14.8	- 90.9	- 9.8	758.8	- 30.2	3.0
Value of total building	\$m	29.6	- 83.7	- 20.9	1 894.6	- 14.6	- 13.8
Trend series							
Dwelling units	no.	151	- 16.6	- 20.5	10 217	0.2	- 19.8
BUILDING COMMENCEMENTS, December qtr 95							
New houses	no.	380	9.8	1.9	22 351.0	- 6.1	- 29.9
Value of houses commenced	\$m	44.1	18.9	4.0	2 281.1	- 6.2	- 25.0
Value of non-residential building commenced	\$m	57.9	- 6.2	- 21.0	2 388.6	- 2.9	8.5
Value of total commencements	\$m	152.0	9.8	- 12.8	6 001.9	- 7.5	- 17.2
PRICE INDEXES							
Established house price index, Dec. qtr 95	(1989-90 =100.0)	128.6	0.5	- 1.5	112.4	- 0.2	0.3
PRICES, WAGES AND CONSUMER SPENDING							
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, March qtr 96							
	(1989-90 =100.0)						
Food		119.2	0.3	2.4	115.9	0.2	2.4
Housing		112.2	0.4	3.2	105.7	- 0.4	2.8
Transportation		127.5	0.3	6.5	122.4	0.1	4.3
All groups		120.8	0.7	3.9	119.0	0.4	3.7

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Indicator	Unit	Australian Capital Territory			Australia		
		Latest figure	Change from		Latest figure	Change from	
			Previous period	Same period previous year		Previous period	Same period previous year
		%	%	%	%	%	%
PRICES, WAGES AND CONSUMER SPENDING — continued							
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, November 95							
Original series							
Males	\$	858.90	3.5	7.7	662.70	1.2	3.1
Females	\$	689.50	2.9	7.8	430.00	0.1	1.2
Total persons	\$	623.40	1.5	7.0	554.30	1.2	2.3
Trend series							
Males	\$	751.20	2.3	6.7	662.50	0.7	3.2
Females	\$	519.70	0.5	3.6	432.50	0.2	1.5
Total persons	\$	635.50	1.6	5.9	554.50	0.6	2.3
RETAIL TURNOVER, March 96							
Original series							
Food retailing	\$m	79.6	6.8	7.6	4 107.7	3.8	8.5
Department stores	\$m	20.1	12.9	-5.6	818.7	10.1	0.9
Hospitality and services	\$m	29.9	15.4	-4.5	1 790.7	7.0	7.2
All other retailing	\$m	54.9	11.4	2.4	3 114.8	5.0	4.6
Total	\$m	184.5	10.1	2.4	9 831.9	5.3	6.3
Trend series							
Food retailing	\$m	77.8	1.3	8.1	4 102.5	0.6	10.1
Department stores	\$m	23.5	-0.4	-0.4	988.9	0.8	5.7
Hospitality and services	\$m	29.4	1.4	-1.3	1 804.8	0.8	7.4
All other retailing	\$m	57.4	-1.0	4.6	3 344.5	0.6	7.3
Total	\$m	188.1	0.4	4.3	10 240.7	0.6	8.2
TOURISM AND TRANSPORT							
HOTELS, MOTELS AND GUEST HOUSE ACCOMMODATION, September qtr 95							
Original series							
Room nights	'000s	3 210.5	0.6	-1.6	9 305.0	9.0	4.3
Takings at current prices	\$m	19.0	-1.0	1.1	851.6	12.6	12.1
Takings at 1989-90 prices	\$m	15.9	-3.0	-4.8	724.3	11.3	6.6
Room occupancy rate (December qtr 95) ¹	%	64.6	1.9	-1.6	59.7	-0.2	0.7
Seasonally adjusted series							
Room nights	'000s	208.2	-6.5	-0.6	9 011.1	1.1	4.2
Takings at current prices	\$m	19.3	-2.0	2.1	830.7	3.6	12.2
Takings at 1989-90 prices	\$m	16.2	-3.0	-3.6	706.4	2.3	6.7
Trend series							
Room nights	'000s	212.5	-3.2	2.2	9 005.3	0.6	4.1
Takings at current prices	\$m	19.6	—	7.1	828.5	2.7	12.2
Takings at 1989-90 prices	\$m	16.5	-0.6	2.5	701.9	1.1	6.0
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS, Mar. 96							
Motor vehicles	no.	951	-4.0	-20.3	54 783	2.9	-4.3
Seasonally adjusted motor vehicles	no.	920	-15.8	-13.7	53 419	-3.7	3.8
Trend motor vehicles	no.	1 033	-1.5	-1.4	54 173	1.0	-0.2
AGGREGATE INDICATORS							
STATE ACCOUNTS, December qtr 95 ²							
Original series							
Gross State product at av. 1989-90 prices	\$m	2 239	10.1	1.2	113 867	9.1	3.8
Gross State product at current prices	\$m	2 635	11.4	2.9	127 092	9.0	6.4
State final demand at av. 1989-90 prices	\$m	3 024	7.0	2.2	110 696	6.2	2.6
Private final consumption expenditure	\$m	1 465	4.6	4.5	79 096	6.4	6.8
Private gross fixed capital expenditure	\$m	232	30.3	-18.9	20 398	7.1	-2.4
Trend series							
Gross State product at av. 1989-90 prices	\$m	2 099	0.4	1.1	106 392	0.6	2.5
Gross State product at current prices	\$m	2 464	0.8	2.3	119 638	1.3	5.7
State final demand at av. 1989-90 prices	\$m	2 903	1.1	0.3	105 641	0.5	2.5
Private final consumption expenditure	\$m	1 399	1.0	5.0	75 259	1.5	7.0
Private gross fixed capital expenditure	\$m	192	3.8	-26.4	19 033	-0.2	-1.5

¹ Change shown in terms of percentage points.² State estimates are not comparable to national estimates for June quarter 1995 due to revised aggregates in State Accounts (5242.0).

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Indicator	Unit	Latest period	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
POPULATION	'000s	Sept. qtr 95	6 135.0	4 511.1	3 297.9	1 474.7	1 740.1	473.3	174.7	304.9	18 114.4
LABOUR FORCE											
Employed persons (trend)	'000s	Apr. 96	2 780.1	2 074.1	1 521.1	658.4	828.3	202.7	82.9	155.4	8 304.6
Unemployment rate (trend) %		Apr. 96	8.1	8.9	9.1	9.5	7.6	10.4	7.7	8.3	8.6
STATE ACCOUNTS¹											
Gross State product at 1989-90 prices (trend)	\$m	Dec. qtr 95	36 282	28 184	17 379	7 427	11 647	2 140	1 214	2 099	106 392
Gross State product at current prices (trend)	\$m	Dec. qtr 95	41 468	31 371	19 346	8 674	12 448	2 508	1 275	2 464	119 638
BUILDING APPROVALS											
Dwelling units approved	no.	Mar. 96	3 259	2 119	2 420	437	1 501	165	119	143	10 163
Dwelling units approved (trend)	no.	Mar. 96	3 361	1 996	2 425	430	1 506	189	100	151	10 217
Value of non-residential building approved	\$m	Mar. 96	269.2	185.6	157.3	49.9	56.9	12.5	12.6	14.8	758.8
Value of all buildings approved	\$m	Mar. 96	674.9	423.0	396.3	97.8	210.0	29.1	33.9	29.6	1 894.6
ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION											
Value of engineering construction work done	\$m	Dec. qtr 95	1 302.7	575.8	844.1	169.5	743.2	68.4	60.6	38.9	3 803.3
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS											
Full-time adult ordinary time (trend)	\$	Nov. qtr 95	694.00	652.10	616.80	613.70	671.90	614.40	664.90	767.90	661.40
RETAIL TRADE											
Retail turnover (trend)	\$m	Mar. 96	3 705.8	2 327.0	1 854.9	750.5	1 048.5	247.3	118.6	188.1	10 240.7
HOTELS, MOTELS & GUEST HOUSE ACCOMMODATION											
Room nights occupied (trend)	'000s	Sept. qtr 95	3 110.0	1 467.3	2 350.3	507.4	797.4	273.4	287.0	212.5	9 005.3
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS											
Trend	no.	Mar. 96	18 230	13 054	10 861	3 794	5 469	1 084	650	1 033	54 173
			Syd.	Melb.	Bns.	Adel.	Perth	Hob.	Dar.	Canb.	Aust.
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1989-90=100.0)											
Food		Mar. qtr 96	116.6	113.6	117.0	118.2	116.9	118.1	117.4	119.2	115.9
Housing		Mar. qtr 96	109.2	99.8	112.1	103.9	101.2	107.2	120.2	112.2	105.7
Transportation		Mar. qtr 96	122.8	121.9	120.5	123.9	123.2	119.0	117.9	127.5	122.4
All Groups		Mar. qtr 96	119.1	118.3	119.6	121.6	117.1	120.1	119.8	120.8	119.0
Average retail prices (cents)											
Milk, carton, supermarket sales	1 litre	Mar. qtr 96	113.0	120.0	114.0	114.0	120.0	120.0	111.0	106.0	n.a.
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales	680 g	Mar. qtr 96	185.0	164.0	179.0	152.0	170.0	152.0	190.0	179.0	n.a.
Beef, rump steak	1 kg	Mar. qtr 96	1 307.0	1 150.0	1 101.0	1 122.0	1 091.0	1 177.0	1 230.0	1 143.0	n.a.
Chicken, frozen	1 kg	Mar. qtr 96	277.0	337.0	269.0	350.0	333.0	340.0	380.0	310.0	n.a.
Potatoes	1 kg	Mar. qtr 96	96.0	112.0	101.0	72.0	117.0	88.0	124.0	93.0	n.a.
Coffee, instant (jar)	150 g	Mar. qtr 96	575.0	572.0	584.0	552.0	556.0	638.0	581.0	586.0	n.a.
Scotch nip, public bar	30 ml	Mar. qtr 96	313.0	269.0	249.0	318.0	376.0	218.0	306.0	270.0	n.a.
Private motoring — petrol, leaded	1 litre	Mar. qtr 96	72.5	71.9	64.1	73.6	75.2	76.0	76.9	75.6	n.a.
Private motoring — petrol, unleaded	1 litre	Mar. qtr 96	70.5	69.8	62.1	71.3	73.1	74.0	74.9	73.5	n.a.

¹ State estimates are not comparable to national estimates for June quarter 1995 due to revised aggregates in State Accounts (5242.0).

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ACT IN RELATION TO THE REST OF AUSTRALIA — PERCENTAGE CHANGES

Indicator	Latest period	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
POPULATION	Sept. qtr 95	0.3	0.2	0.6	—	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.3	0.3
LABOUR FORCE										
Employed persons (trend)	Apr. 96	-0.2	-0.1	—	0.2	—	0.1	-0.5	-0.4	-0.1
Unemployment rate (trend) ¹	Apr. 96	0.1	0.1	-0.1	—	-0.1	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.1
STATE ACCOUNTS²										
Gross State product at 1989-90 prices (trend)	Dec. qtr 95	0.4	1.1	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.6
Gross State product at current prices (trend)	Dec. qtr 95	1.4	1.4	1.1	1.5	1.3	0.4	0.2	0.8	1.3
BUILDING APPROVALS										
Dwelling units approved	Mar. 96	-3.0	9.7	0.6	-10.1	1.3	-16.2	75.0	-20.1	0.5
Dwelling units approved (trend)	Mar. 96	0.1	1.2	-0.2	-3.2	4.4	-5.1	-0.5	-16.4	—
Value of non-residential building approved	Mar. 96	-27.8	-7.2	-36.5	202.4	17.1	-6.0	-52.6	-90.9	-30.2
Value of all buildings approved	Mar. 96	-12.8	-5.8	-18.7	51.6	9.6	-14.2	-5.3	-83.7	-14.6
ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION										
Value of engineering construction work done	Dec. qtr 95	4.1	9.6	16.6	19.8	45.1	58.0	17.7	22.3	16.0
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS										
Full-time adult ordinary time (trend)	Nov. qtr 95	1.4	0.8	0.9	-0.2	1.9	0.9	0.4	2.3	1.1
RETAIL TRADE										
Retail turnover (trend)	Mar. 96	57.3	0.6	0.6	-0.6	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.6
HOTELS, MOTELS & GUEST HOUSE ACCOMMODATION										
Room nights occupied (trend)	Sept. qtr 95	2.0	1.0	-0.9	2.1	-1.8	3.0	0.2	-3.2	0.6
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS										
Trend	Mar. 96	0.1	1.0	2.5	1.7	1.8	-0.2	-0.5	-1.5	1.0
		Syd.	Melb.	Bris.	Adel.	Perth	Hob.	Dar.	Canb.	Aust.
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1989-90=100.0)										
Food	Mar. qtr 96	0.2	-0.4	1.0	—	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.3	0.2
Housing	Mar. qtr 96	0.7	-2.9	—	0.1	0.4	0.7	1.1	0.4	-0.4
Transportation	Mar. qtr 96	0.7	-0.5	0.3	-0.3	0.1	-0.9	-0.3	0.3	0.1
All Groups	Mar. qtr 96	0.7	-0.2	0.8	0.4	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.7	0.4
Average retail prices (cents)										
Milk, carton, supermarket sales	Mar. qtr 96	1.8	2.6	1.8	—	3.4	—	1.8	—	n.a.
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales	Mar. qtr 96	-0.5	—	-0.6	2.7	2.4	-1.3	0.5	—	n.a.
Beef, rump steak	Mar. qtr 96	-0.3	2.8	-3.0	-0.7	-0.9	5.7	3.6	-0.7	n.a.
Chicken, frozen	Mar. qtr 96	-1.1	3.7	0.7	5.7	1.2	5.3	6.1	2.3	n.a.
Potatoes	Mar. qtr 96	-27.8	-36.7	-33.1	-46.3	-2.5	-5.4	18.4	-31.6	n.a.
Coffee, instant	Mar. qtr 96	-2.7	-3.1	-2.7	—	-3.6	-0.9	1.6	0.7	n.a.
Scotch nip, public bar	Mar. qtr 96	—	1.1	1.2	0.3	0.5	1.4	—	-6.3	n.a.
Private motoring — petrol, leaded	Mar. qtr 96	0.8	-1.5	—	-0.5	-0.7	-3.2	-0.3	-0.7	n.a.
Private motoring — petrol, unleaded	Mar. qtr 96	0.9	-1.7	—	-0.6	-0.8	-3.3	-0.3	-0.8	n.a.

¹ Change shown in terms of percentage points.² State estimates are not comparable to national estimates for June quarter 1995 due to revised aggregates in State Accounts (5242.0).

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