



South Australia at a Glance

1999

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South Australia

AREA	:	984,377 square kilometres
COASTLINE	:	3,700 kilometres
CAPITAL CITY	:	Adelaide (population 1.1 million)
TEMPERATURE	:	Mean summer 22.3°C; mean winter 11.8°C
EMBLEMS		
Floral	:	Sturt's Desert Pea
Faunal	:	Hairy-nosed or Plains Wombat
Gemstone	:	Opal
State colours	:	Red, Blue and Gold

SOUTH AUSTRALIA COMPARED WITH AUSTRALIA %

Area	12.81
Population	7.93
Age pensioners	9.59
Unemployment	9.26
Labour force	7.59
Industrial disputes, days lost	1.10
Manufacturing	
Persons employed	9.04
Turnover	8.90
Merchandise imports	3.66
Merchandise exports	5.76
New motor vehicles registered	6.58
Total new dwellings commenced	5.09
Wheat, area for grain	13.85
Barley, area for grain	35.59
Vineyards	44.61
Wool receivals (taxable)	13.07
Gross value of agricultural commodities	10.72
Retail turnover	7.58

Population

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION 1998

At 30 June:	Males	735 399
	Females	751 895
	Persons	1 487 294

CENSUS OF POPULATION 1991 1996

Distribution (proportion of population)			
Adelaide Statistical Division	%	73.1	73.2
Other statistical divisions	%	26.9	26.8
Age groups (proportion of population)			
Under 15	%	21.2	20.7
15-64	%	66.1	65.5
65 and over	%	12.7	13.9
Private dwellings			
Occupied	no.	515 720	555 834
Unoccupied	no.	53 534	61 373

Demography

VITAL STATISTICS

		1996	1997
Rate per 1,000 population			
Births	no.	12.9	12.4
Deaths	no.	7.8	7.9
Marriages	no.	5.4	5.4
Divorces	no.	2.9	2.8
Rate per 1,000 live births			
Infant deaths	no.	4.9	3.8
Causes of death per 10,000 population			
Ischaemic heart disease	no.	18.4	18.1
Malignant neoplasms (cancer)	no.	20.7	20.8
Cerebrovascular disease (incl. stroke)	no.	8.2	7.8
Expectation of life (Australian)			
Males	years	75.2	75.7
Females	years	81.1	81.5

HEALTH

		1995-96	1996-97
Hospitals (excl. Cwlth and Public Psychiatric)			
Public	no.	81	80
Private	no.	49	50
Beds available	no.	7 184	6 880
Separations	no.	445 744	455 393
Mean length of stay (days)	no.	4.3	4.3
Same day separations	no.	161 052	185 613
Nursing homes	no.	150	153
Beds	no.	6 877	6 848

Social

WELFARE SERVICES at 30 June

		1996-97	1997-98
Age pensions	no.	161 709	161 392
Disability support pensions	no.	48 886	51 922
Widow pensions	no.	3 168	3 324
Sole parent pensions	no.	30 026	30 889
Job Search and Newstart allowances	no.	71 607	(a)68 945
Repatriation benefits(b)			
Disability pensions	no.	13 140	13 025
Service pensions	no.	18 486	17 755

(a) Data are available only for the 10 months to May 1998.

(b) Veterans only.

LAW AND ORDER

		1996-97	1997-98
Police	no.	3 548	3 630
Prisoners received	no.	4 389	4 214

EDUCATION

		1997	1998
Schools	no.	837	827
Teachers	no.	16 391	16 611
Pupils	no.	247 940	249 460
Students enrolled			
Universities	no.	48 535	48 690
Technical and Further Education	no.	94 642	n.y.a.

Labour

LABOUR FORCE (August)		1997	1998
Employed persons	'000	654.2	638.8
Unemployed persons	'000	66.9	71.7
Unemployment rate	%	9.3	10.1
VACANCIES (August)			
Job vacancies	'000	4.8	3.0
Job vacancy rate	%	0.9	0.6
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS (August)			
All males	\$	651.00	670.40
All females	\$	420.00	462.10
All employees	\$	542.50	567.60
INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES		1996-97	1997-98
Number of disputes	no.	35	27
Working days lost	'000	16.3	6.5

Construction

BUILDING APPROVED		1996-97	1997-98
New houses	no.	5 604	6 370
New other dwellings	no.	630	749
Total building	\$m	1 212.8	1 360.1
BUILDING COMMENCED			
New houses	no.	5 112	5 823
New other dwellings	no.	651	741
Total building	\$m	1 181.9	1 299.9
ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION COMMENCED			
	\$m	1 036.4	1 047.2

Primary Production

AGRICULTURE		1996-97	1997-98p
Gross value of			
Wheat for grain	\$m	602.1	539.6
Wool	\$m	280.2	309.5
Livestock slaughtered etc.	\$m	416.6	459.6
Total agriculture	\$m	2 956.5	2 937.5
Wheat produced for grain	'000 t	2 795	2 684
Barley produced for grain	'000 t	1 923	2 041
Wool (taxable) receivals	'000 t	90	88
Area of			
Establishments	'000 ha	56 901	56 219
Cereal crops	'000 ha	2 911	2 887
Vegetables	'000 ha	13.6	13.3
Orchards	'000 ha	18.4	18.1
Vineyards	'000 ha	35.5	38.5
LIVESTOCK AT 31 MARCH		1997	1998p
Cattle	'000	1 181	1 223
Sheep and lambs	'000	13 106	13 352
Pigs	'000	417	419

Primary Production *continued*

STATE FORESTS		1996-97	1997-98
Area of plantations (at 30 June)	ha	78 088	78 868
Log production	m ³	1 190 667	1 447 000
FISHERIES		1996-97	1997-98
Value of production	\$'000	247 225	310 995
Live weight	t	31 045	36 233
MINING ESTABLISHMENTS		1996-97	1997-98p
<i>(excl. Services to mining and Other mining)</i>			
Establishments	no.	15	17
Persons employed (at 30 June)	no.	1 854	1 916
Wages and salaries	\$m	114	118
Value added	\$m	737	854
MINERAL PRODUCTION(a)		1996-97	1997-98
Copper	\$m	223.9	206.7
Uranium oxide	\$m	64.6	101.4
Opal (estimate)	\$m	39.9	79.6
Condensates	\$m	81.5	139.3
Crude oil	\$m	112.3	205.4

(a) Source: Department of Primary Industries and Resources SA.

Secondary Production

PRODUCTION		1996-97	1997-98
Meat produced			
Beef and veal	t	85 880	81 320
Mutton and lamb	t	93 106	96 778
Pigmeat	t	29 853	26 384
Wine produced	'000 L	304 364	380 845
MANUFACTURING		1995-96	1996-97
Persons employed	'000	88.4	85.5
Wages and salaries	\$m	2 763.4	(a)2 869.9
Turnover	\$m	18 204.6	18 554.0

(a) Includes provision for employee entitlements.

Commerce

TOURIST ACCOMMODATION(a)		June qtr 1997	June qtr 1998
Motels and licensed hotels			
Number at 30 June		213	208
Guest rooms at 30 June	no.	9 016	9 184
Guest arrivals	'000	363.2	379.1
Takings from accommodation	\$'000	35 295	36 821
Total establishments			
Number at 30 June		230	227
Guest rooms at 30 June	no.	9 640	9 934
Guest arrivals	'000	n.a.	404.2
Takings from accommodation	\$'000	37 919	40 372

(a) Establishments containing 15 or more beds.

Commerce continued

RETAIL TRADE		1996-97	1997-98
Retail turnover	\$m	9 456	10 051
Food retailing	\$m	4 065	4 454
Department stores	\$m	1 121	1 074
Hospitality and services	\$m	1 648	1 503
PRICES, Adelaide		1996-97	1997-98
Consumer Price Index			
All groups	1989-90 = 100.0	122.3	121.6
House price index			
Established house	1989-90 = 100.0	108.2	112.1
Project home	1989-90 = 100.0	108.3	113.1
Wholesale price index of building materials			
All groups			
House building	1989-90 = 100.0	120.6	123.3
Other than house	1989-90 = 100.0	114.1	115.1
Average retail prices (cents)		Dec 1997	Dec 1998
Milk, carton, supermarket sales	1 L	124	132
Margarine, polyunsaturated	500 g	142	172
Bread, white, sliced, supermarket	680 g	163	167
Eggs, 55 g	dozen	235	245
Tea	250 g	183	220
MERCHANDISE TRADE		1996-97	1997-98
Imports from			
Japan	\$m	867	863
Saudi Arabia	\$m	296	215
United States of America	\$m	456	651
Total imports	\$m	3 413	3 942
Exports to			
Japan	\$m	612	612
New Zealand	\$m	382	355
USA	\$m	708	632
Total exports	\$m	5 013	4 984
Principal export groups			
Metals and metal manufactures	\$m	542	574
Wool, sheepskins	\$m	261	288
Road vehicles, parts etc.	\$m	656	479
Meat and meat preparations	\$m	182	218
Wine	\$m	398	564

Communication

COMMUNICATION		1996-97	1997-98
Post Offices, Agencies(a)	no.	411	413
Postal articles posted(a)	million	317.6	347.9
		Feb-May 1996	Feb-May 1998
Households with modems(b)	%	22.2	42.9

(a) Includes Northern Territory.

(b) Relates only to households where computer is used frequently.

Transport

TRANSPORT		1996-97	1997-98
New motor vehicles registered	no.	44 661	50 860
Passengers, public transport	'000	44 877	n.y.a.
Adelaide Airport passengers	'000	3 562	n.y.a.

Public Finance

STATE GOVERNMENT(a)		1996-97	1997-98
Outlays	\$m	6 327	6 626
Final consumption expenditure	\$m	3 696	3 943
Interest payments	\$m	1 017	931
Expenditure on new fixed assets	\$m	797	804
Revenue and grants	\$m	6 033	6 308
Taxes, fees and fines	\$m	2 108	2 271
Interest received	\$m	103	97
Commonwealth grants	\$m	2 825	2 894
Deficit	\$m	32	76

(a) Excludes State-owned financial enterprises.

State Accounts

		1996-97	1997-98
Household final consumption expenditure	\$m	22 920	24 294
State Final Demand	\$m	37 324	40 039
Gross State Product	\$m	36 405	38 629
Per head of mean population	\$	24 655	26 058
Percentage of Australian total	%	6.9	6.9
Compensation of employees (wages, salaries and supplements)	\$m	18 140	18 902

Private Finance

BANKING		1997	1998
Depositors' balances at 30 June	\$m	16 566	16 908

SECURED HOUSING FINANCE		1996-97	1997-98
Loans approved for			
Construction of dwellings	\$m	345	403
Purchase of newly erected dwellings	\$m	97	96
Purchase of established dwellings	\$m	1 871	1 876
Total dwellings	no.	36 661	37 379

OTHER		1996-97	1997-98
Lease finance commitments	\$m	232	267
Commercial finance commitments	\$m	6 092	6 487
Personal finance commitments	\$m	2 469	2 763
Private new capital expenditure	\$m	2 579	3 193

Symbols Used

Annual periods shown as, for example, 1998 refer to the year ended 31 December 1998; those shown as, for example, 1997–98 refer to the year ended June 1998. Values are shown in Australian dollars (\$).

°C	degrees Celsius	n.y.a.	not yet available
g	gramme	p	preliminary data
ha	hectare	t	tonne
L	litre	\$m	million dollars
n.a.	not available	m ³	cubic metre

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