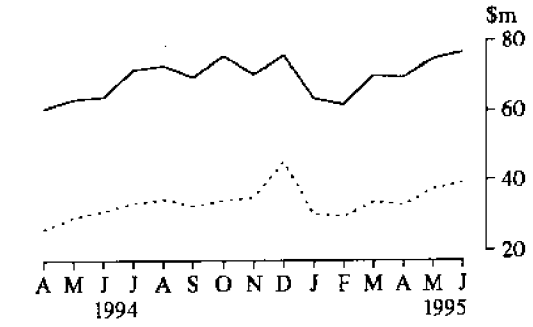


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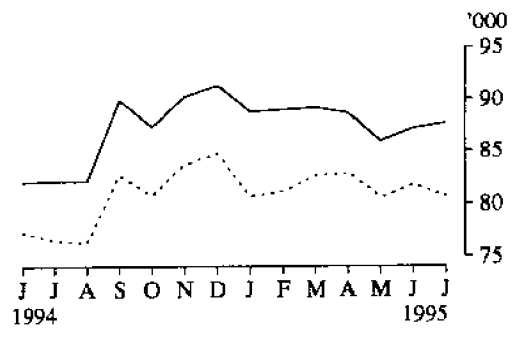
**SUMMARY OF RESULTS**

**TURNOVER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS**



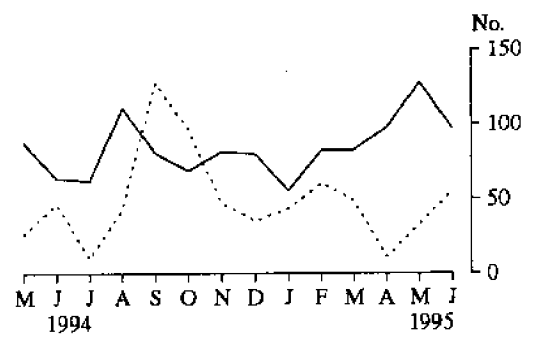
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..... All others

**LABOUR FORCE**



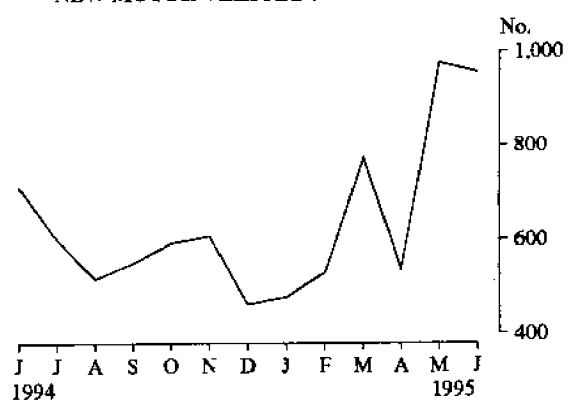
— Total labour force  
..... Employed persons

**NEW DWELLING UNITS APPROVED**



— Houses  
..... Other dwell

**NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS**



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NORTHERN TERRITORY BUSINESS INDICATORS, AUGUST 1995

Indicator	Unit	Northern Territory				Australia			
		Latest period	Latest figure	Change from previous period (%)	Change from same period previous year (%)	Latest figure	Change from previous period (%)	Change from same period previous year (%)	
<b>LABOUR FORCE</b>									
Employed	'000	Jul 95	80.7	-1.3	5.5	8,293.6	0.2	3.9	
Unemployed	'000	Jul 95	7.0	32.1	25.0	709.6	-2.1	-11.7	
Unemployment rate (a)	%	Jul 95	8.0	1.9	1.2	7.9	-0.2	-1.2	
Participation rate (a)	%	Jul 95	71.1	0.3	2.9	63.7	0.0	0.7	
<b>AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS</b>									
Males	\$	May 95	666.80	0.0	1.3	652.70	0.4	4.4	
Females	\$	May 95	462.00	-1.3	2.6	429.90	-0.2	1.7	
Total persons	\$	May 95	565.70	-1.2	0.7	548.10	0.0	3.1	
<b>RETAIL TURNOVER</b>									
Food & hospitality & services	\$m	Jun 95	76.9	2.9	20.2	5,324.6	-1.2	11.3	
All other stores	\$m	Jun 95	39.4	5.3	25.9	3,998.6	-1.5	5.2	
Total	\$m	Jun 95	116.3	3.7	22.0	9,323.2	-1.3	8.6	
<b>PRICES</b>									
<i>Consumer Price Index</i>									
Food (1989-90=100.0)		Jun qtr 95	115.5	0.7	2.1	113.7	0.4	3.8	
Housing (1989-90=100.0)		Jun qtr 95	115.5	2.2	10.5	104.7	1.8	10.9	
Transport (1989-90=100.0)		Jun qtr 95	116.4	1.3	2.2	118.8	1.3	3.1	
All groups (1989-90=100.0)		Jun qtr 95	116.8	1.3	3.9	116.2	1.3	4.5	
<i>Average retail prices</i>									
Beer, draught, 285ml glass	cents	Jun qtr-95	214	2.9	5.4	..	..	..	
Bread, white, 680g	cents	Jun qtr-95	185	0.0	10.1	..	..	..	
Milk, carton, 1 litre	cents	Jun qtr-95	100	1.0	6.4	..	..	..	
Petrol, leaded, 1 litre	cents	Jun qtr-95	76.4	2.6	3.7	..	..	..	
Steak, rump, 1 kg	cents	Jun qtr-95	1,258	2.6	1.0	..	..	..	
<b>INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES</b> no. of days lost									
OCCURRED	per '000 employees	Year ended	Apr 95	132	-6.4	238.5	73	-1.4	-17.1
<b>BUILDING</b>									
<i>Approvals</i>									
New houses	no.	Jun 95	97	-24.2	51.6	8,427	-6.3	-28.9	
Other residential	no.	Jun 95	55	66.7	17.0	3,602	-24.7	-35.9	
Total new residential building	\$m	Jun 95	16.6	-7.5	46.4	1,095.3	-18.4	-29.5	
Total non-residential building	\$m	Jun 95	50.5	111.2	955.5	1,050.7	10.1	-9.8	
Value of all building approved	\$m	Jun 95	69.3	47.2	298.7	2,330.6	-7.2	-20.0	
Commencements - New Houses	no.	Mar qtr 95	189	-22.9	-36.4	24,259	-23.9	-15.4	
Value of total work done during period (d)	\$m	Mar qtr 95	68.1	-25.2	-6.8	6,254.5	-17.6	6.8	
<b>HOUSING FINANCE</b>									
<i>Secured commitments to individuals</i>									
For construction of dwellings	\$m	Jun 95	86	-2.3	45.8	6,005	-0.7	-36.5	
For purchase of new dwellings	\$m	Jun 95	20	185.7	-13.0	1,818	-1.6	-18.2	
For purchase of established dwellings (b)	\$m	Jun 95	227	-10.6	-14.7	22,888	-0.8	-24.5	
<b>NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS</b>									
Motor vehicles	no.	Jun 95	956	-2.0	34.3	59,816	-6.7	3.2	
Motor cycles	no.	Jun 95	51	21.4	54.5	1,589	-18.9	11.9	
<b>OVERSEAS TRADE</b>									
Imports	\$m	Jun 95	44.0	37.8	133.5	6,575.1	-4.8	21.1	
Exports (c)	\$m	Jun 95	118.9	8.1	80.8	5,426.2	-8.0	8.2	
<b>TOURIST ACCOMMODATION</b>									
<i>Hotel, motels &amp; guest houses</i>									
Room occupancy rate (a)	%	Mar qtr 95	45.3	-11.8	2.2	58.1	-0.9	2.2	
Bed occupancy rate (a)	%	Mar qtr 95	26.5	-6.5	1.3	35.7	-0.1	0.9	
Takings from accommodation	\$m	Mar qtr 95	17.7	-24.5	14.2	776.7	-2.5	10.3	
<b>POPULATION</b>									
Estimated Resident Population	'000	Dec qtr 94p	172.2	0.5	1.0	17,938.5	0.2	1.1	

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