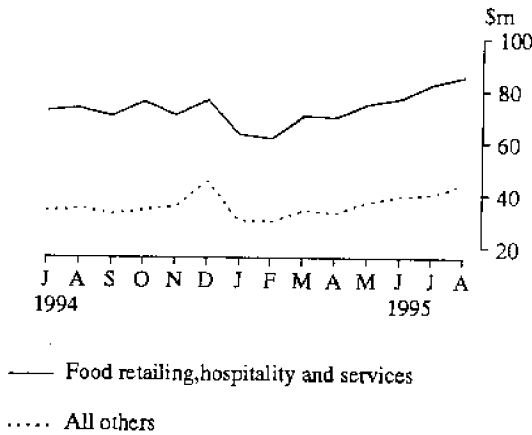


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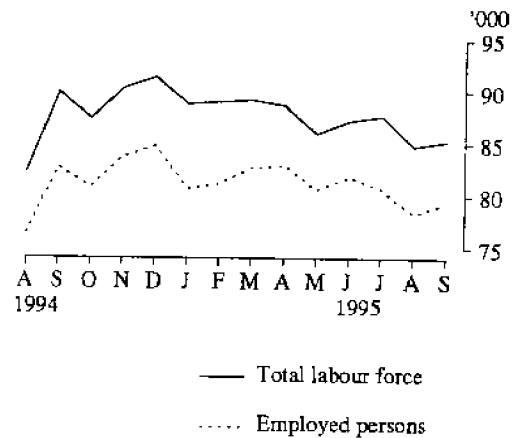
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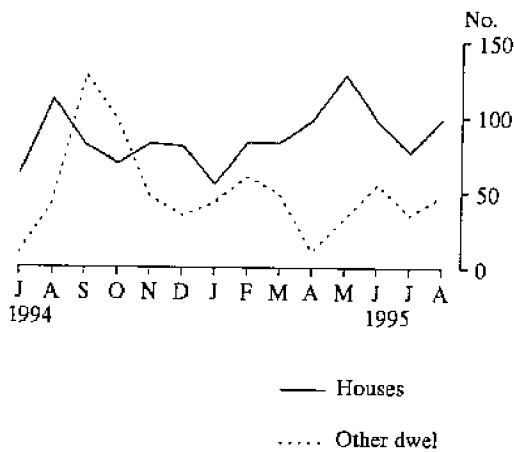
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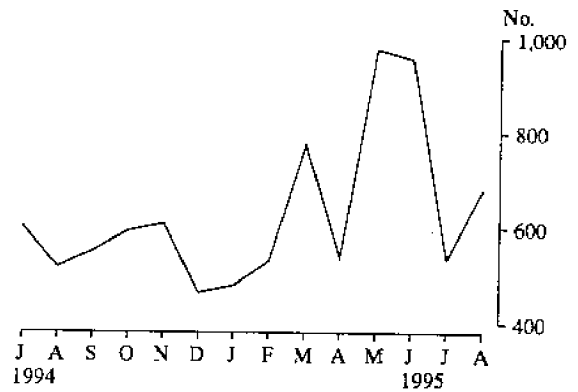
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Indicator	Unit	Northern Territory				Australia			
		Latest period	Latest figure	Change from previous period (%)	Change from same period previous year (%)	Latest figure	Change from previous period (%)	Change from same period previous year (%)	
<b>LABOUR FORCE</b>									
Employed	'000	Sep 95	79.3	1.3	-4.1	8,340.6	1.5	3.1	
Unemployed	'000	Sep 95	6.1	-6.2	-15.3	763.3	5.7	-8.1	
Unemployment rate (a)	%	Sep 95	7.1	-0.5	-0.9	8.4	0.3	-0.9	
Participation rate (a)	%	Sep 95	69.0	0.3	-5.4	64.2	1.1	0.4	
<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	Aug 95	85.2	3.3	16.7	5,617.2	2.5	11.9	
All other stores	\$m	Aug 95	44.3	9.9	28.0	4,013.7	0.6	5.5	
Total	\$m	Aug 95	129.5	5.5	20.4	9,630.9	1.7	9.1	
<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	16.4	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	Jun 95	117	-11.4	129.4	86	2.4	4.9
<b>BUILDING</b>									
<i>Approvals</i>									
New houses	no.	Aug 95	99	30.3	-10.8	8,398	8.9	-31.9	
Other residential	no.	Aug 95	48	37.1	11.6	3,048	-9.4	-52.4	
Total new residential building	\$m	Aug 95	22.5	96.0	13.4	1,091.1	4.1	-38.1	
Total non-residential building	\$m	Aug 95	20.7	193.3	164.8	1,114.3	44.2	28.1	
Value of all building approved	\$m	Aug 95	46.4	124.4	60.5	2,401.8	19.6	-16.4	
Commencements - New Houses	no.	Jun qtr 95	300	53.1	-6.8	24,591	1.1	-26.6	
Value of total work done during period (d)	\$m	Jun qtr 95	98.1	40.1	10.2	6,972.4	9.1	1.4	
<b>HOUSING FINANCE</b>									
<i>Secured commitments to individuals</i>									
For construction of dwellings	\$m	Aug 95	79	19.7	19.7	6,237	9.2	-29.9	
For purchase of new dwellings	\$m	Aug 95	9	-25.0	-71.0	1,891	3.8	-16.7	
For purchase of established dwellings (b)	\$m	Aug 95	234	12.5	-4.5	23,043	7.2	-15.6	
<b>NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS</b>									
Motor vehicles	no.	Aug 95	680	27.3	31.8	54,135	2.3	2.3	
Motor cycles	no.	Aug 95	33	-21.4	-19.5	1,751	3.9	11.6	
<b>OVERSEAS TRADE</b>									
Imports	\$m	Aug 95	39.4	64.4	13.2	6,845.0	-0.3	2.8	
Exports (c)	\$m	Aug 95	84.2	-25.3	-19.9	5,815.7	-2.6	14.5	
<b>TOURIST ACCOMMODATION</b>									
<i>Hotel, motels &amp; guest houses</i>									
Room occupancy rate (a)	%	Jun qtr 95	59.2	13.9	2.0	56.1	-2.0	2.0	
Bed occupancy rate (a)	%	Jun qtr 95	35.6	9.1	1.8	33.3	-2.4	0.7	
Takings from accommodation	\$m	Jun qtr 95	26.5	49.6	19.4	756.1	-2.6	12.1	
<b>POPULATION</b>									
Estimated Resident Population	'000	Mar qtr 95p	173.5	0.8	1.6	18,000.5	0.4	1.1	

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