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Series updated since the August 2001 issue are: average weekly earnings, building approvals, established house price index, housing finance, industrial disputes, labour force, national accounts, new motor vehicle registrations, retail turnover and wage cost index.

The feature article this month, on page 7, is Volunteers in the ACT.

Labour force

At August 2001, ACT trend employment fell slightly, down 0.2% from July 2001 to 165,700 people, while nationally trend employment rose slightly by 0.1% to 9,176,400 people for the same period.

The trend estimate of unemployed people in the ACT during August 2001 fell to 9,900, down 1% compared with the previous month and up 27% from August 2000. Nationally, trend unemployment was up 0.1% from July 2001 to 678,600 people.

Compared with July 2001, the trend unemployment rate for the ACT fell by 0.1 percentage point to 5.6% in August 2001. The national trend unemployment rate remained steady at 6.9% for the same period.

The ACT trend participation rate for August 2001 fell slightly by 0.2 percentage point to 71.8% compared with the previous month, while the national participation rate fell by 0.1 percentage point to 63.9% for the same period.

Average weekly earnings

Trend full-time adult ordinary time earnings in the ACT was \$939.50 in May 2001, an increase of \$3.50 (0.4%) from February 2001. Nationally, trend full-time adult ordinary earnings increased by 1% from February 2001, to \$822.30.

Wage cost index

The total wage cost index in the ACT for the June quarter 2001 increased slightly (0.4%) from the previous quarter and was up 4% from the June quarter 2000 to 111.0. The public and private sector wage cost indexes both followed this trend, rising 0.3% and 0.4% respectively from the previous quarter. Nationally, the total wage cost index increased 0.6% from the previous quarter and 4% from the June quarter 2000, to 112.4.

Industrial disputes

For the 12 months ended May 2001 there were 8 working days lost per thousand employees in the ACT, compared with 44 days nationally.

Building approvals

In July 2001 the trend number of dwelling units approved in the ACT increased to 218, up 12% from the previous month and up 50% from July 2000. Nationally, the trend number of dwelling units approved in July 2001 was up 6% from the previous month to 12,804 dwelling units.

The original value of non-residential building approvals for the ACT in July 2001 was \$46m, an increase of 118% from the previous month. The original value of new residential building approvals decreased to \$23m, down 44% from the previous month.

The original value of total building approvals in July 2001 increased to \$75m, up 13% from the previous month and up 165% from

Building approvals continued

July 2000. Nationally, the value of total building approvals in July 2001 was \$3,260m, up 15% from the previous month and up 23% from July 2000.

Housing finance

The trend number of dwelling units financed (including refinancing) in the ACT in July 2001 was 803, up 2% from the previous month. The trend estimate for the value of commitments in the ACT was \$118m, up 4% from June 2001 and up 22% from July 2000.

Nationally, the trend number of dwelling units financed (including refinancing) during July 2001 was 54,305, up 4% from the previous month, while the trend estimate for the value of commitments in July 2001 increased to \$7,986m (up 4%) from the previous month.

Established house price index

The established house price index for Canberra during the June quarter 2001 rose by 4% from the previous quarter and was up 10% from the same period last year. The weighted average of eight capital cities index rose 4% from the previous quarter and was up 8% from the June quarter 2000.

Retail turnover

Trend retail turnover in the ACT for July 2001 was \$282m, up 1% from the previous month. The turnover for July 2001 was an increase of 12% from the July 2000 turnover of \$253m. Nationally, trend retail turnover increased by 1% compared with the previous month and was up 8% from the same period last year.

New motor vehicle registrations

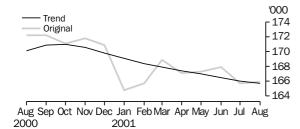
At July 2001 the trend estimate for ACT new motor vehicle registrations was 1,063, down 2% compared with the previous month and down 6% from the same period last year. Nationally, the trend for new motor vehicle registrations rose by 1% from the previous month but was down 7% from July 2000.

State final demand

In the ACT, the trend state final demand, chain volume measure, was up by 0.7% to \$4,988m in the June quarter 2001, compared with \$4,952m in the March quarter 2001. Nationally, trend domestic final demand, chain volume measure, also rose 0.7% compared with the March quarter 2001 and was up 0.3% from the June quarter 2000.

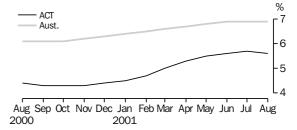
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EMPLOYED PERSONS



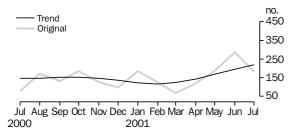
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UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: trend series



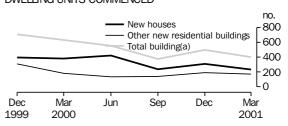
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BUILDING APPROVALS: Dwelling units approved



Source: Building Approvals, Australia (Cat. no. 8731.0).

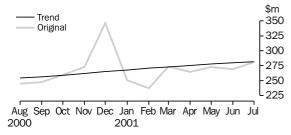
DWELLING UNITS COMMENCED



(a) Includes conversions.

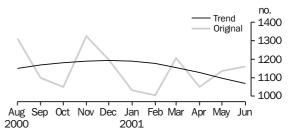
Source: Building Activity, Australia (Cat. no. 8752.0).

RETAIL TRADE: Monthly turnover



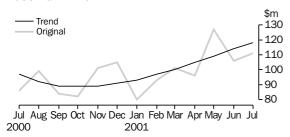
Source: Retail Trade, Australia (Cat. no. 8501.0).

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS



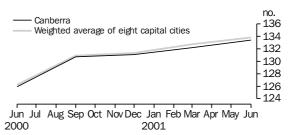
Source: New Motor Vehicle Registrations, Australia (Cat. no. 9301.0).

HOUSING FINANCE



Source: Housing Finance, Australia (Cat. no. 5609.0).

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX



Source: Consumer Price Index, Australia (Cat. no. 6401.0).

FEATURE ARTICLE

VOLUNTEERS IN THE ACT

Overview

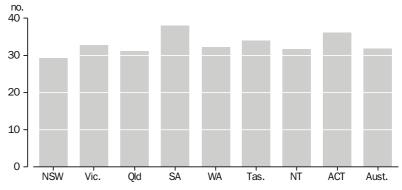
The Survey of Voluntary Work was conducted throughout Australia over four quarters in 2000. The major aim of the survey was to collect data on rates of participation in voluntary work, characteristics of people who volunteer, the types of organisations they work for, and the activities they undertake. Information on whether people made monetary donations to organisations was also collected.

Voluntary work is an important contribution to national life. It meets needs within the community and helps to develop and reinforce social networks and cohesion. In the Survey of Voluntary Work a volunteer was defined as someone who, in the last 12 months, willingly gave unpaid help, in the form of time, service or skills, through an organisation or group.

Volunteer rates

The ACT had the second highest volunteer rate of all States and Territories with 36.2% of the population aged 18 years and over volunteering, second only to South Australia (38.0%). New South Wales recorded the lowest rate of volunteers in Australia, with 29.3%. Nationally, 31.8% of Australians aged 18 years and over were volunteers.

VOLUNTEER RATES OF PEOPLE AGED 18 YEARS AND OVER



Source: Voluntary Work, Australia, 2000 (Cat. no. 4441.0).

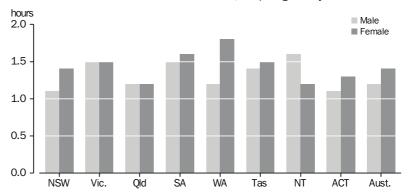
ACT VOLUNTEERS

In the ACT, there were an estimated 81,000 volunteers aged 18 years and over in 2000. There were slightly more female volunteers in the ACT (51% of all volunteers), but male and female volunteer rates were equal at 36.2%.

In the ACT, men with dependent children had a higher rate of volunteering (43.4%) than women with dependent children (39.3%). Median hours worked

Volunteers in the ACT provided a total of 12.1 million hours of voluntary work during 2000. Because most volunteers contributed relatively few hours and a minority worked for a large number of hours, the median is a more appropriate measure for purposes of comparison. The median hours of voluntary work per week in the ACT was 1.2. This was greater for women (1.3 hours) compared with 1.1 hours for men. The ACT and Queensland had the equal lowest median hours of voluntary work (1.2 hours), while South Australia had the highest (1.6 hours). The national median weekly hours of voluntary work in 2000 was 1.4.

MEDIAN WEEKLY HOURS OF VOLUNTARY WORK, People aged 18 years and over

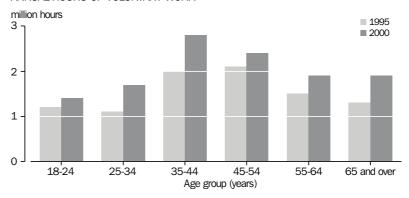


Source: Voluntary Work, Australia, 2000 (Cat. no. 4441.0).

Age of volunteers

Between 1995 and 2000, there was a rise in hours worked by volunteers over all age groups in the ACT. In 2000, volunteers aged between 35 and 44 years were the leaders in hours worked with 2.8 million hours, followed by those aged between 45 and 55 years (2.4 million hours).

ANNUAL HOURS OF VOLUNTARY WORK



Source: ABS data available on request, Survey of Voluntary Work.

BOOINEGO INDIONIONO				ACT			Aust.
			% cha	ange from		% cha	ange from
		Latest	Previous	Same period previous	Latest	Previous	Same period previous
Indicator	Unit	figure	period	year	figure	period	year
POPULATION, VITALS AND LABOUR							
POPULATION, Dec qtr 2000	'000	312.4	0.3	0.8	19 277.1	0.3	1.2
Natural increase Net migration	no. no.	738 100	5.6 1 150.0	11.8 -133.0	29 920 28 058	7.6 –18.2	-5.8 0.3
Total growth	no.	838	18.5	134.7	57 978	-6.6	-3.0
LABOUR FORCE							
Original series, Aug 01	1000	405.0	0.4	0.7	0.404.0	0.7	0.0
Employed Unemployed	'000 '000	165.9 7.9	0.1 -20.2	–3.7 17.9	9 124.2 644.0	-0.7 4.3	0.6 12.1
Unemployment rate	%	4.6	-20.2 -1.0	0.9	6.6	0.3	0.6
Participation rate	%	71.0	-0.8	-2.6	63.3	-0.3	_
Long-term unemployed, Jul 01	no.	2 041	14.6	28.8	154 301	-6.1	-4.0
Long-term unemployed as percentage of total unemployed, Jul 01	%	20.6	2.4	-1.2	25.0	-0.1	-2.9
Trend series, Aug 01	'000	165.7	-0.2	2.6	9 176.4	0.1	0.5
Employed Unemployed	'000	165.7 9.9	-0.2 -1.0	-2.6 26.9	678.6	0.1	14.6
Unemployment rate	%	5.6	-0.1	1.2	6.9		0.8
Participation rate	%	71.8	-0.2	-1.4	63.9	0.1	0.1
WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, Mar qtr 01							
Number employed, trend series	2000	07.0	0.4	Е 1	E 000 C	0.1	2.4
Private sector Public sector	'000 '000	87.9 69.7	2.4 0.4	5.1 0.7	5 922.6 1 451.3	0.1 -0.1	3.4 -0.8
Total	'000	157.6	1.5	3.1	7 373.9	0.1	-0.8 2.5
Gross earnings, original series							
Private sector	\$m	660.7	0.4	9.4	49 862.3	-4.5	7.8
Public sector	\$m	948.3	12.6	2.9	15 719.3	-1.3	1.6
Total JOB VACANCIES, May 01	\$m '000	1 609.0 2.5	7.2 -19.4	5.5 -16.7	65 581.7 83.4	−3.8 −12.7	6.2 -18.3
INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES IN PROGRESS, May 01	000	2.5	-19.4	-10.7	03.4	-12.7	-10.3
Working days lost	'000	_	_	_	29.2	-0.7	-57.0
Days lost per '000 employees		0.0	-11.1	-74.2	440	-10.2	-56.0
(year ended May 01)	no.	8.0	-11.1	-14.2	44.0	-10.2	-36.0
HOUSING AND BUILDING ACTIVITY							
HOUSING FINANCE, Jul 01							
Secured commitments to individuals for							
Original series Construction of dwellings	\$m	9.0	-10.0	-10.0	1 014.0	9.7	88.8
Purchase of new dwellings	\$m	8.0	33.3	166.7	324.0	2.9	72.3
Purchase of established dwellings(a)	\$m	93.0	4.5	29.2	6 665.0	1.1	46.7
Refinancing	\$m	18.0	5.9	100.0	1 537.0	-4.2	47.8
Total housing commitments	\$m	111.0	4.7	29.1	8 003.0	2.2	51.9
Seasonally adjusted series							
Total housing commitments	\$m	117.0	7.3	20.6	8 038.0	2.7	46.6
Trend series							
Total housing commitments	\$m	118.0	3.5	21.6	7 986.0	4.0	45.2
Dwelling units financed	no.	803	1.8	7.1	54 305	3.1	28.1
PRICE INDEX							
Established house price index, Jun qtr 01	no.	156.0	3.7	9.9	159.4	3.6	8.2
BUILDING APPROVALS, Jul 01							
Original series							
Dwelling units	no.	182	-36.1	139.5	13 143	10.2	42.1
Value of new residential Value of residential alterations and additions(b)	\$m \$m	22.5 6.3	-43.8 28.6	89.1 384.6	1 830.4 305.7	12.7 3.2	53.5 18.9
Value of residential alterations and additions(b) Value of non-residential	\$m \$m	45.9	117.5	206.0	1 124.1	22.2	-6.5
Value of total building	\$m	74.7	13.0	164.9	3 260.2	14.8	22.9
Trend series							
Dwelling units	no.	218	12.4	50.3	12 804	6.3	23.0
(a) Includes refinancing.							
(b) Includes conversion jobs.							
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				ACT			Aust.
			% ch	ange from		% ch	ange from
Indicator	Unit	Latest figure	Previous period	Same period previous year	Latest figure	Previous period	Same period previous year
HOUSING AND BUILDING ACTIVITY continued							
BUILDING COMMENCEMENTS, Mar qtr 01 New houses Value of houses commenced Value of non-residential building commenced Value of total commencements	no. \$m \$m \$ <i>m</i>	231 36.2 63.5 134.8	-24.8 -23.6 222.3 30.4	-39.2 -36.8 -28.5 -29.8	16 919 2 513.8 2 853.5 7 539.4	-11.8 -7.9 2.4 -2.0	-46.6 -40.0 2.8 -19.8
ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION, Mar qtr 01							
Private sector Value of work commenced Value of work done Value of work yet to be done Public sector Value of work done	\$m \$m \$m	36.2 32.8 26.7	217.5 38.4 8.5 -10.3	-49.6 -41.5 -26.0	2 068.8 2 590.2 4 579.2 1 534.9	-32.8 -5.0 -7.4	-40.0 -9.7 -19.0
PRICES, WAGES AND CONSUMER SPENDING							
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, Jun qtr 01(a) Food Housing(b) Transportation(b) All groups	no. no. no.	141.0 108.9 142.6 133.4	1.1 0.8 2.7 0.9	7.6 8.3 4.5 6.0	138.8 108.4 139.4 133.8	0.9 0.2 2.0 0.8	6.6 7.1 5.5 6.0
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, May 01 Full-time adult ordinary time earnings Original series							
Males	\$	1 007.0	-1.0	2.8	873.3	1.7	4.9
Females	\$	857.6	0.9	3.8	737.1	1.2	5.6
Persons Trend series	\$	938.8	0.6	3.0	824.1	1.7	5.3
Males	\$	1 015.6	0.1	3.4	871.4	1.2	4.3
Females	\$	858.5	0.8	3.8	737.0	1.2	5.3
Persons WAGE COST INDEX, Jun qtr 01(c)	\$	939.5	0.4	3.1	822.3	1.2	4.7
Public sector	no.	110.3	0.3	3.5	113.3	0.6	3.8
Private sector Total	no. no.	112.1 111.0	0.4 0.4	4.0 3.7	112.1 112.4	0.6 0.6	3.7 3.7
	110.	111.0	0.7	0.7	112.7	0.0	5.1
RETAIL TURNOVER, Jul 01							
Trend series Food retailing	\$m	102.9	0.7	9.5	5 388.7	0.4	7.1
Department stores	\$m	27.5	0.7	3.8	1 129.1	0.3	2.0
Hospitality and services	\$m	50.3	0.8	26.1	2 426.1	0.7	8.8
All other retailing Total	\$m \$ <i>m</i>	101.2 281.9	0.7 0.7	9.4 11.5	4 647.0 13 590.9	0.8 0.6	10.9 8.2

⁽a) Base year: 1989-90 = 100.0.

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⁽b) The 14th Series Australian Consumer Price Index was introduced September quarter 2000. Some changes include an updated comodity classification and weighting pattern and changes in composition of some groups For more details of changes, refer to Information Paper: Introduction of the 14th Series Australian Consumer Price Index (Cat. no. 6456.0) released 29 September 2000.

⁽c) Base of each index is September quarter 1997 = 100.0.

				ACT			Aust.
			% cha	nge from		% cha	nge from
Indicator	Unit	Latest figure	Previous period	Same period previous year	Latest figure	Previous period	Same period previous year
TOURIST ACCOMMODATION, Mar qtr 01							
Original series							
Room nights occupied	'000	267.5	-1.6	-1.4	10 188.5	-3.4	1.0
Room occupancy rate	%	59.4	0.4	-1.5	57.7	-1.1	-0.5
Guest nights	'000	454.9	-0.9	2.5	18 460.7	-1.7	2.4
Guest arrivals	'000	209.3	7.6	4.7	8 031.3	-2.1	1.3
Takings from accommodation	\$'000	29 452.0	1.7	7.9	1 191 842.0	-3.9	9.5
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS, Jul 01							
Original series	no.	1 134	-2.2	-8.6	68 417	-3.2	-13.4
Seasonally adjusted series	no.	1 099	10.7	-11.5	66 804	13.3	-16.2
Trend series	no.	1 063	-1.7	-6.3	62 969	0.9	-7.2
STATE ACCOUNTS, Jun qtr 01							
Trend series (chain volume measure)(a)							
General government final consumption expenditure	\$m	2 519	-0.4	-1.3	30 725	8.0	2.2
Household final consumption expenditure	\$m	1 867	0.7	3.5	97 700	1.1	3.4
Private gross fixed capital formation	\$m	371	4.5	-6.5	27 113	-0.2	-10.5
Public gross fixed capital formation	\$m	235	10.3	15.8	6 557	-1.3	-3.0
State final demand	\$m	4 988	0.7	0.4	162 043	0.7	0.3
GROSS STATE PRODUCT (trend, chain volume measures), 1999–2000(b)	\$m	12 669	4.9		620 963	4.3	
• •	ΨΠ	12 000	1.0	• • •	020 000	1.0	
PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, Mar qtr 01 Original series (at current prices)							
Buildings and structures	\$m	51	6.3	142.9	1 911	-30.4	-30.9
Equipment, plant and machinery	\$m	66	-13.2	-7.0	6 929	-10.3	-0.2
Total	\$m	117	-5.6	27.2	8 841	-15.6	-8.9
Trend series (at current prices)							
Buildings and structures	\$m	62	31.9	169.6	2 102	-14.0	-25.8
Equipment, plant and machinery	\$m	74	4.2	-3.9	7 612	1.2	-0.2
Total	\$m	136	15.3	36.0	9 714	-2.5	-7.1
BUSINESS EXPECTATIONS, TRADING PERFORMANCE, OPERATING INCOME							
Short term, expected change previous quarter, Sep qtr 01	%	1.0			-1.2		
Medium term, expected change previous year, Jun qtr 02	%	2.5			0.4		
(a) Defended the chair well-may recover in 1000,0000							

⁽a) Reference year for chain volume measures is 1999-2000.

Source: Australian Demographic Statistics (Cat. no. 3101.0); National Income, Expenditure and Product, Australian National Accounts (Cat. no. 5206); Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia (Cat. no. 6302.0); Building Activity, Australia (Cat. no. 8752.0); Building Approvals, Australia (Cat. no. 8731.0); Consumer Price Index (Cat. no. 6401.0); Housing Finance, Australia (Cat. no. 5609.0); House Price Indexes (Cat. no. 6416.0); Industrial Disputes, Australia (Cat. no. 6321.0); Job Vacancies, Australia (Cat. no. 6354.0); Labour Force, Australia, Preliminary (Cat. no. 6202.0); New Motor Vehicle Registrations, Australia Preliminary (Cat. no. 9301.0); Private New Capital Expenditure, State Estimates (Cat. no. 5646.0); Retail Trade, Australia (Cat. no. 8501.0); Tourist Accommodation, Australia (Cat. no. 8635.0); Wage Cost Index, Australia (Cat. no. 6345.0).

		Latest									
Indicator	Unit	period	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
POPULATION	'000	Dec atr 2000	6 502.6	4 797.4	3 597.2		1 897.4	470.1	196.3	312.4	19 277.1
LABOUR FORCE,	000	200 qt. 2000	0 002.0		0 001.2	1 000.0	1 00111	11011	100.0	OIL	10 21111
trend series											
Employed persons	'000	Aug 01	3 079.2	2 315.0	1 711.5	676.1	936.7	196.4	99.0	165.7	9 176.4
Unemployment rate	%	Aug 01	6.0	6.3	8.3	7.6	7.4	9.2	7.9	5.6	6.9
WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, trend series											
Private sector	'000	Mar qtr 01	1 935.1	1 627.9	1 050.1	423.7	619.1	118.9	53.9	87.9	5 922.6
Public sector	'000	Mar qtr 01	459.6	305.5	291.9	111.7	150.8	40.9	22.7	69.7	1 451.3
Total	'000	Mar gtr 01	2 394.7	1 933.4	1 342.0	535.4	769.9	159.8	76.6	157.6	7 373.9
STATE ACCOUNTS		,									
Gross state product (chain											
volume measures)(a)	\$m	1999–2000	221 375	157 915	103 691	41 381	66 525	11 367	6 466	12 669	620 963
PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE											
Total (at current prices),											
trend series	\$m	Mar qtr 01	3 329	2 459	1 391	707	1 372	123	206	136	9 714
BUILDING APPROVALS											
Dwelling units approved, original series	no.	Jul 01	3 850	3 727	2 451	975	1 746	118	94	182	13 143
Dwelling units approved,	110.	Jul 01	2 000	0 121	2 701	313	1 1 - 0	110	5-4	102	10 1-0
trend series	no.	Jul 01	3 279	3 685	2 615	747	1 645	140	128	218	12 804
Value of non-residential building approved, original											
series	\$m	Jul 01	480.3	289.2	181.3	45.9	63.8	9.9	7.8	45.9	1 124.1
Value of all buildings	Φ.		1 400 5	0404	E 4.4.4	400 4	200.0	00.4	00.4	74-	2 202 2
approved, original series	\$m	Jul 01	1 186.5	942.1	541.1	160.1	306.9	26.4	22.4	74.7	3 260.2
ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION,											
original series											
Value of engineering	ф	Man eta O1	1 200 0	0040	1 010 1	0444	EEC 4	75.4	20.4	E4 4	4 405 4
construction work done AVERAGE WEEKLY	\$m	Mar qtr 01	1 322.0	824.8	1 019.4	244.1	556.4	75.1	32.1	51.1	4 125.1
EARNINGS, trend series											
Full-time adult ordinary time											
earnings	\$	Feb 01	844.8	790.0	762.4	772.8	828.7	738.1	811.9	939.5	822.3
RETAIL TRADE TURNOVER, trend series	\$m	Jul 01	4 662.2	3 309.2	2 552.7	1 015.3	1.330.3	291.1	139.7	281.9	13 590.9
TOURIST ACCOMMODATION,	¥	30. 01	. 002.2	0 000.2	_ 00	1 010.0	1 000.0		100	202.0	20 000.0
original series											
Room nights occupied	'000	Mar qtr 01	3 421.1	1 787.2	2 635.2	547.1	942.7	335.1		267.5	10 188.5
Room occupancy rate	%	Mar qtr 01	57.9	62.1	55.9	58.4	54.4	68.2	44.9	59.4	57.7
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS,											
trend series	no.	Jul 01	20 507	17 713	12 144	4 064	5 708	1 175	595	1 063	62 969
	1114	Latest	01	N.A 11-	D.::-	A . I - I	Da est	11-1-	D	0	A ±
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX(b)	Unit	period	Syd.	Melb.	Bris.	Adel.	Perth	Hob.	Dar.	Canb.	Aust.
Food	no.	Jun qtr 01	139.3	138.8	138.5	139.4	138.1	136.0	137.0	141.0	138.8
Housing	no.	Jun qtr 01	117.1	98.8	112.6	104.9	101.6		122.4	108.9	108.4
Transportation	no.	Jun qtr 01	140.8	138.6	137.3	140.4	139.6		135.4	142.6	139.4
All Groups	no.	Jun qtr 01	135.0	133.0	134.0	135.1	131.4		132.2	133.4	133.8
AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES		•									
Milk, supermarket sales		l 0.4	405	4 4 -	4 4 4	400	4.40	404	4 - 4	400	
(1 litre)	cents	Jun qtr 01	135	145	141	136	146	131	151	128	
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales											
(650g)(c)	cents	Jun qtr 01	250	258	242	238	240	260	248	246	
Beef, rump steak (1kg)	cents	Jun qtr 01	1 448	1 388	1 302	1 409	1 334	1 222		1 398	
Chicken, frozen (1kg)	cents	Jun qtr 01	333	341	320	342	386	401	424	353	
Potatoes (1kg)	cents	Jun qtr 01	133	205	165	111	153	107	167	145	
Coffee, instant (150g jar) Scotch nip, public bar	cents	Jun qtr 01	635	635	613	582	678	691	631	644	
(30ml)	cents	Jun qtr 01	386	373	320	409	422	315	376	325	
Private motoring petrol											
(1 litre) Super grade(d)	canto	lup atr 01	97.5	94.8	87.1	98.0	97.0	100 1	106.4	100.8	
Unleaded	cents	Jun qtr 01 Jun qtr 01	94.3	94.8	84.0	95.0	93.9		103.5	97.8	
Jineadea	COITES	Juli qu OI	54.5	91.1	04.0	33.0	55.5	51.4	100.0	51.0	

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⁽c) 680g in Hobart and Darwin.

⁽d) Includes lead replacement petrol where applicable.

Indicator	Latest period	NSW	Vic.	Old	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
	Dec qtr						105.			
POPULATION	2000	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.3	_	0.1	0.3	0.3
LABOUR FORCE, trend series	4 .04	0.0		0.0	0.4		0.1	0.7	0.0	0.4
Employed persons	Aug 01	0.2	_	0.2	0.1	_	-0.4	0.7	-0.2	0.1
Unemployment rate	Aug 01	_	_	-0.2	_	_	0.2	0.4	-0.1	_
WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, trend series			4.0	4.4	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.4	0.4
Private sector	Mar qtr 01	-1.1	1.8	1.4	-0.5	2.7	2.7	-2.0	2.4	0.1
Pubic sector Total	Mar qtr 01 Mar qtr 01	-0.4 -0.9	0.3 1.6	-0.3 1.0	-0.6 -0.5	1.4 2. <i>4</i>	0.5 2.1	1.8 -0.9	0.4 1.5	0.1
STATE ACCOUNTS	iviai qu OI	-0.9	1.0	1.0	-0.5	2.4	2.1	-0.9	1.5	0.1
Gross state product (chain volume measures)(a) PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	1999–2000	3.7	4.6	6.3	3.5	4.6	1.1	_	4.9	4.3
Total (at current prices), trend series BUILDING APPROVALS	Mar qtr 01	-6.6	-2.7	-8.4	-0.3	10.7	-7.5	36.4	15.3	-2.5
Dwelling units approved, original series	Jul 01	24.8	11.8	2.0	32.5	-1.9	-7.1	-48.6	-36.1	10.2
Dwelling units approved, trend series	Jul 01	3.8	5.7	5.7	6.7	7.4	6.1	7.6	12.4	6.3
Value of non-residential building approved, original series	Jul 01	86.4	33.8	-39.1	10.0	4.9	45.6	-8.2	117.5	22.2
Value of all buildings approved, original series	Jul 01	39.6	17.8	-39.1 -12.4	6.7	7.5	7.8	-52.3	13.0	14.8
ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION, original series	Jul 01	00.0	11.0	12.7	0.1	1.0	7.0	02.0	10.0	14.0
Value of engineering construction work done AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, trend series	Mar qtr 01	-10.4	7.6	-13.0	-7.3	-2.3	39.9	-28.5	15.9	-6.0
Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Feb 01	0.5	0.9	1.1	1.7	1.0	-0.3	0.4	0.4	1.2
RETAIL TRADE TURNOVER, trend series	Jul 01	0.3	8.0	0.3	1.0	0.7	-0.3	0.6	0.7	0.6
TOURIST ACCOMMODATION, original series										
Room nights occupied	Mar qtr 01	-2.2	5.2	-9.7	-0.8	-7.2	24.3	-20.5	-1.6	-3.4
Room occupancy rate	Mar qtr 01	-1.8	2.7	-4.7	1.6	-2.8	14.6	-10.5	0.4	-1.1
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS, trend series	Jul 01	0.2	1.8	0.9	1.2	1.0	-1.2	2.2	-1.7	0.9
CONCUMED DRICE INDEX(1)	Latest period	Syd.	Melb.	Bris.	Adel.	Perth	Hob.	Dar.	Canb.	Aust.
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX(b) Food	lunc arter C4	0.4	4 =	1.0		0.4	4.0	4.0	1.1	0.0
Housing	Jun qtr 01 Jun qtr 01	0.1 0.5	1.5 -0.3	-0.2	0.5	2.1 0.5	1.3 0.3	1.6 -0.7	0.8	0.9 0.2
Transportation	Jun qtr 01	1.7	-0.3 1.8	2.1	2.5	2.6	2.4	-0.7 2.7	2.7	2.0
All Groups	Jun qtr 01	0.7	0.6	1.0	0.7	1.4	1.0	1.1	0.9	0.8
AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES	40 31	٠	2.3	2.0	٠				0.0	3.0
Milk, carton, supermarket sales	Jun gtr 01	_	_	_	0.7	2.1	4.0	_	1.6	
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales	Jun qtr 01	1.2	0.8	3.4	2.6	2.1	3.6	5.1	0.4	
Beef, rump steak	Jun qtr 01	9.9	15.6	11.9	9.3	6.5	5.9	10.7	4.6	
Chicken, frozen	Jun qtr 01	-10.7	-9.5	-5.3	-10.9	4.6	8.4	2.9	-8.1	
Potatoes	Jun qtr 01	4.7	28.1	11.5	19.4	_	-14.4	18.4	5.8	
Coffee, instant (jar)	Jun qtr 01	4.6	4.6	11.5	_	-0.3	-0.4	7.7	4.2	
Scotch nip, public bar Private motoring petrol	Jun qtr 01	1.3	1.4	0.9	2.3	0.7	1.0	_	1.2	
Super grade(c)	Jun qtr 01	3.2	1.2	4.6	4.9	4.3	3.4	4.6	3.6	
Unleaded	Jun qtr 01	3.3	1.2	4.7	5.1	4.4	3.5	5.0	3.7	

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