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NEW SOUTH WALES

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GENERAL

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This publication provides information on a wide range of economic indicators which are the latest available at the time of publication. In a number of cases, figures appearing in this summary are preliminary and are subject to revision in subsequent issues.

**SEASONAL
ADJUSTMENT
AND TREND
ESTIMATION**

Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from a series so that the effects of other variations on that series can be more clearly recognised. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove the irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present. This means that movements of seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour. Smoothing seasonally adjusted series produces a measure of the underlying trend by reducing the impact of the irregular component of the series. This smoothing technique does result in revisions to the most recent estimates as additional observations become available. For an explanation of seasonal adjustment derivation, refer to the publication *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators* (Cat. no. 1308.0).

**STANDARD ERRORS
OF ESTIMATES**

One measure of the variability which occurs as a result of surveying only samples of the total business population is the standard error. There are about two chances in three that a survey estimate is within one standard error of the figure that would have been obtained if all businesses had been included, and about 19 chances in 20 that it is within two standard errors. The standard error can also be expressed as a percentage of the estimate and this is known as the relative standard error (RSE). For detailed explanatory notes and definitions for the items shown in this publication, readers are referred to the specific ABS publications.

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**SYMBOLS AND
OTHER USAGES**

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kWh	kilowatt hour
teraJ	terajoule
n.a.	not available
n.p.	not available for publication but included in totals where applicable
n.y.a.	not yet available
r	figure or series revised since previous issue
..	not applicable
—	nil or rounded to zero
—	break in continuity of series (where a line is drawn across a column between two consecutive figures)

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NSW OVERVIEW

EMPLOYMENT

The number of employed persons in NSW increased by 0.4% in June 1999 to 2,929,100 in seasonally adjusted terms. National employment increased by 0.7% over the month.

UNEMPLOYMENT

Unemployment in NSW fell by 1.7% in June 1999 to a seasonally adjusted figure of 200,000. This was the third consecutive monthly fall in unemployment, now 9.0% below the level of March. The unemployment rate fell from 6.5% in May to 6.4% in June. This was also the third consecutive monthly fall starting from 7.0% in March.

JOB VACANCIES

There were 29,700 job vacancies in NSW in May 1999, a rise of 21.6% over the quarter and 44.8% over the past year. National job vacancies rose by 6.9% over the quarter.

BUILDING APPROVALS

The seasonally adjusted number of new dwelling units approved for NSW in May 1999 rose by 0.5% from the previous month to 4,256.

RETAIL

In seasonally adjusted terms, total retail sales for NSW in May 1999 was \$4,215.6m. For April 1999, the figure was \$4,266.8m.

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

New motor vehicle registrations for NSW in seasonally adjusted terms in May 1999 fell 2.2% from the previous month to 21,927.

FINANCE

The seasonally adjusted value of housing finance commitments for owner occupation in NSW in May 1999 was \$2,428m. This represented an increase of 5.0% on the previous month and an increase of 33.6% since May 1998.

MAIN FEATURES

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

In seasonally adjusted terms, the number of new motor vehicle registrations for NSW in May 1999 was 21,927, a decrease of 2.2% on the previous month and 0.1% down on May 1998. The national figure was 63,514, representing decreases of 3.5% and 3.0% respectively over the same periods.

The seasonally adjusted figure for new passenger vehicle registrations for NSW in May 1999 was 18,801, a decrease of 1.3% on the previous month and an increase of 0.3% on the previous year. The national figure was 53,594, representing decreases of 4.3% and 3.2% respectively over the same periods. The figure for new registrations of other vehicles (excluding motor cycles) for NSW in May 1999 was 3,126, a fall of 7.2% on the previous month and 2.5% down on May 1998. Nationally, there was an increase of 1.2% but a fall of 1.7% respectively over the same periods.

TOURISM

In NSW, the number of room nights occupied in licensed hotels, motels and guest houses and serviced apartments with 15 or more rooms or units in the March quarter 1999 increased only slightly on the December quarter 1998 to 3,213,200. Compared to the March quarter 1998, there was an increase of 6.5%. At the national level, while the number of room nights occupied decreased by 3.2% compared with the December quarter 1998, there was an increase of 5.8% compared with the March quarter 1998.

In NSW, the room occupancy rate for licensed hotels in the March quarter 1999 was 68.7%, a rise of 2.4% from the March quarter 1998. The occupancy rate for motels and guest houses increased by 1.3% to 54.4% while the occupancy rate for serviced apartments fell slightly to 68.3% over the same period.

In the Sydney Tourism Region, room occupancy rates reflected movements similar to the state level. In the March quarter 1999, the room occupancy rate for accommodation establishments overall was 72.5%, an increase of 0.8% over the year. For the March quarter 1999, room occupancy rates for licensed hotels, motels and guest houses, and serviced apartments were 74.9%, 67.0% and 74.5% respectively.

In NSW, takings from accommodation increased in aggregate for each accommodation type in the March quarter 1999 compared with the March quarter 1998 with an overall increase of 5.1% to \$360.7m. In the Sydney Tourism Region, takings from accommodation were \$249.0m for the March quarter 1999, which was 5.7% higher than the March quarter 1998. Takings from accommodation in the Sydney Tourism Region accounted for 69.0% of the total for NSW.

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ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION, NSW

Period	Estimated resident population at end of period			Increase during period			Mean estimated resident population for year ended	
	Males '000	Females '000	Persons '000	Natural increase(a) '000	Net estimated migration '000	Total increase(b) '000	30 June '000	31 December '000
1996	3 098.9	3 143.1	6 241.9	41.8	31.3	73.1	6 167.2	6 204.2
1997	3 129.9	3 172.6	6 302.5	41.2	19.3	60.6	6 240.9	6 276.1
1998	3 172.5	3 211.8	6 384.3	40.4	41.4	81.8	6 307.1	6 344.3
1997								
September qtr	3 123.3	3 165.9	6 289.2	7.6	8.8	16.4	..	..
December qtr	3 129.9	3 172.6	6 302.5	11.9	1.3	13.2	..	..
1998								
March qtr	3 143.1	3 184.3	6 327.4	9.9	15.0	24.9	..	..
June qtr	3 150.5	3 191.1	6 341.6	10.2	4.0	14.2	..	..
September qtr	3 161.5	3 201.6	6 363.0	8.2	13.2	21.4	..	..
December qtr	3 172.5	3 211.8	6 384.3	12.1	9.1	21.2	..	..

^a Excess of live births over deaths.

^b For dates prior to June 1996, differences between the total increase shown and the sum of the natural increase and net estimated migration arise from retrospective adjustments to population estimates (which are made after each Census) to compensate for any intercensal discrepancy. A description of intercensal discrepancy is contained in the ABS information paper Demographic Estimates: Concepts, Sources and Methods (Cat. no. 3228.0).

Source: Australian Demographic Statistics (Cat. no. 3101.0).

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LABOUR, NSW AND AUSTRALIA

Indicator	Unit	Latest period	New South Wales			Australia		
			Latest figure	Change from prior period %	Change from same period prior year %	Latest figure	Change from prior period %	Change from same period prior year %
Employed persons (seasonally adjusted)	'000	June 99	2 929.1	0.4	2.1	8 774.6	0.7	2.1
Unemployed persons (seasonally adjusted)	'000	June 99	200.0	-1.7	-14.3	679.6	-3.3	-11.5
Labour force (seasonally adjusted)	'000	June 99	3 129.1	0.2	0.9	9 454.2	0.4	1.0
Participation rate (seasonally adjusted)	%	June 99	61.7	0.2	-0.5	63.1	0.3	-0.5
Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)	%	June 99	6.4	-1.5	-14.7	7.2	-4.0	-12.2
Industrial disputes—working days lost	'000	Apr 99	2.0	-74.4	-75.3	28.0	-38.5	23.9
Job vacancies	'000	May 99	29.7	21.6	44.8	71.1	6.9	-2.9
Average weekly employee earnings—full-time adult ordinary time earnings (seasonally adjusted)	\$	Feb 99	783.6	1.6	5.3	743.1	0.2	3.1

Source: Labour Force, Australia, Preliminary (Cat. no. 6202.0), Job Vacancies and Overtime, Australia (Cat. no. 6354.0), Industrial Disputes, Australia (Cat. no. 6321.0), Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia (Cat. no. 6302.0).

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LABOUR, NSW

Period	Seasonally adjusted						
	Employed persons '000	Unemployed persons '000	Labour force '000	Participation rate %	Unemployment rate %	Industrial disputes (working days lost) '000	Job vacancies '000
1998							
April	2 853.5	219.5	3 073.0	61.6	7.1	8.1	..
May	2 845.3	229.9	3 075.2	61.5	7.5	28.1	20.5
June	2 868.8	233.5	3 102.3	62.0	7.5	32.9	..
July	2 890.0	230.9	3 120.9	62.3	7.4	10.3	..
August	2 851.9	230.8	3 082.7	61.5	7.5	20.8	26.4
September	2 895.0	227.3	3 122.3	62.2	7.3	7.6	..
October	2 904.6	207.2	3 111.8	61.9	6.7	8.9	..
November	2 859.4	238.2	3 097.6	61.6	7.7	10.6	24.1
December	2 891.5	211.5	3 103.0	61.6	6.8	28.8	..
1999							
January	2 884.6	215.2	3 099.8	61.5	6.9	2.7	..
February	2 906.0	208.7	3 114.7	61.7	6.7	40.3	24.4
March	2 903.5	219.8	3 123.3	61.8	7.0	7.8	..
April	2 901.0	216.1	3 117.1	61.6	6.9	2.0	..
May	2 918.7	203.5	3 122.2	61.6	6.5	n.y.a.	29.7
June	2 929.1	200.0	3 129.1	61.7	6.4	n.y.a.	..

Source: Labour Force, Australia, Preliminary (Cat. no. 6202.0), Industrial Disputes, Australia (Cat. no. 6321.0), Job Vacancies and Overtime, Australia (Cat. no. 6354.0).

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LABOUR FORCE STATUS, NSW—ORIGINAL

Month	<i>Employed</i>		<i>Unemployed</i>		<i>Labour force</i>	<i>Not in labour force</i>	<i>Civilian population aged 15 years and over</i>	<i>Unemployment rate(a)</i>	<i>Participation rate(b)</i>
	<i>Full-time workers</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Looking for full-time work</i>	<i>Total</i>					
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%
MALES									
June									
1995	1 410.8	1 574.6	121.6	133.6	1 708.2	649.8	2 358.0	7.8	72.4
1996	1 403.8	1 588.0	118.8	137.9	1 725.9	664.7	2 390.6	8.0	72.2
1997	1 416.5	1 599.0	115.5	127.8	1 726.8	696.6	2 423.4	7.4	71.3
1998									
April	1 443.1	1 624.3	103.4	121.5	1 745.8	705.7	2 451.5	7.0	71.2
May	1 435.3	1 616.3	114.6	132.1	1 748.4	705.9	2 454.3	7.6	71.2
June	1 444.7	1 626.2	116.7	133.8	1 760.0	697.0	2 457.0	7.6	71.6
July	1 465.0	1 641.6	114.2	126.6	1 768.2	691.5	2 459.7	7.2	71.9
August	1 424.3	1 599.4	115.5	134.6	1 734.1	728.4	2 462.4	7.8	70.4
September	1 466.6	1 649.3	117.0	134.2	1 783.4	681.8	2 465.2	7.5	72.3
October	1 460.5	1 648.9	96.8	110.5	1 759.4	709.0	2 468.4	6.3	71.3
November	1 441.2	1 633.0	112.0	129.4	1 762.4	709.1	2 471.5	7.3	71.3
December	1 467.6	1 658.3	107.6	121.5	1 779.8	695.0	2 474.7	6.8	71.9
1999									
January	1 447.1	1 633.0	124.6	140.8	1 773.8	703.8	2 477.5	7.9	71.6
February	1 453.4	1 644.9	113.5	133.1	1 778.0	702.4	2 480.3	7.5	71.7
March	1 454.3	1 661.9	102.9	126.1	1 788.0	695.2	2 483.1	7.1	72.0
April	1 456.1	1 657.8	95.6	115.5	1 773.3	713.3	2 486.6	6.5	71.3
May	1 460.0	1 662.7	93.3	110.1	1 772.8	717.2	2 490.0	6.2	71.2
June	1 459.4	1 668.1	91.6	108.0	1 776.1	717.3	2 493.4	6.1	71.2
FEMALES									
June									
1995	707.5	1 194.6	58.7	84.7	1 279.3	1 164.9	2 444.2	6.6	52.3
1996	714.2	1 210.8	55.0	86.5	1 297.4	1 184.0	2 481.4	6.7	52.3
1997	706.6	1 194.6	63.3	91.3	1 285.9	1 228.7	2 514.6	7.1	51.1
1998									
April	722.2	1 228.7	62.7	95.5	1 324.2	1 216.6	2 540.8	7.2	52.1
May	710.2	1 224.1	68.2	93.7	1 317.8	1 225.5	2 543.3	7.1	51.8
June	730.2	1 245.8	57.1	88.3	1 334.1	1 211.8	2 545.9	6.6	52.4
July	765.8	1 259.0	59.7	88.2	1 347.2	1 201.3	2 548.5	6.5	52.9
August	724.7	1 220.6	62.4	85.0	1 305.5	1 245.5	2 551.1	6.5	51.2
September	756.9	1 276.0	61.7	97.1	1 373.1	1 180.6	2 553.7	7.1	53.8
October	751.4	1 258.7	54.8	90.3	1 349.0	1 207.6	2 556.6	6.7	52.8
November	733.3	1 235.5	61.0	96.8	1 332.3	1 227.2	2 559.6	7.3	52.1
December	762.7	1 276.6	57.4	86.6	1 363.3	1 199.2	2 562.5	6.4	53.2
1999									
January	739.5	1 218.0	62.6	90.1	1 308.0	1 257.1	2 565.1	6.9	51.0
February	738.4	1 236.4	67.4	104.5	1 340.9	1 226.8	2 567.7	7.8	52.2
March	728.8	1 238.3	64.3	108.7	1 347.0	1 223.3	2 570.2	8.1	52.4
April	726.0	1 242.6	62.5	98.5	1 341.2	1 232.0	2 573.2	7.3	52.1
May	729.5	1 250.2	56.8	90.0	1 340.3	1 235.9	2 576.1	6.7	52.0
June	746.9	1 264.6	52.3	81.5	1 346.2	1 232.9	2 579.1	6.1	52.2

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LABOUR FORCE STATUS, NSW—ORIGINAL *continued*

Month	Employed		Unemployed		Labour force '000	Not in labour force '000	Civilian population aged 15 years and over '000	Unemployment rate(a) %	Participation rate(b) %
	Full-time workers '000	Total '000	Looking for full-time work '000	Total '000					
	PERSONS								
June									
1995	2 118.4	2 769.2	180.3	218.3	2 987.5	1 814.7	4 802.2	7.3	62.2
1996	2 118.0	2 798.8	173.8	224.5	3 023.3	1 848.7	4 872.0	7.4	62.1
1997	2 123.1	2 793.6	178.8	219.0	3 012.6	1 925.3	4 937.9	7.3	61.0
1998									
April	2 165.3	2 853.1	166.1	217.0	3 070.0	1 922.3	4 992.4	7.1	61.5
May	2 145.5	2 840.4	182.8	225.8	3 066.2	1 931.4	4 997.6	7.4	61.4
June	2 174.8	2 872.0	173.8	222.1	3 094.1	1 908.8	5 002.9	7.2	61.8
July	2 230.8	2 900.5	173.8	214.8	3 115.3	1 892.8	5 008.2	6.9	62.2
August	2 149.1	2 820.0	177.9	219.6	3 039.6	1 973.9	5 013.5	7.2	60.6
September	2 223.5	2 925.2	178.7	231.3	3 156.5	1 862.4	5 018.9	7.3	62.9
October	2 211.9	2 907.6	151.6	200.8	3 108.4	1 916.6	5 025.0	6.5	61.9
November	2 174.5	2 868.5	173.0	226.3	3 094.7	1 936.4	5 031.1	7.3	61.5
December	2 230.2	2 934.9	165.0	208.1	3 143.1	1 894.2	5 037.2	6.6	62.4
1999									
January	2 186.6	2 850.9	187.1	230.9	3 081.8	1 960.9	5 042.6	7.5	61.1
February	2 191.8	2 881.3	180.9	237.5	3 118.8	1 929.2	5 048.0	7.6	61.8
March	2 183.2	2 900.2	167.2	234.8	3 134.9	1 918.4	5 053.4	7.5	62.0
April	2 182.1	2 900.4	158.1	214.0	3 114.5	1 945.3	5 059.8	6.9	61.6
May	2 189.6	2 912.9	150.2	200.1	3 113.1	1 953.1	5 066.1	6.4	61.4
June	2 206.3	2 932.7	143.9	189.6	3 122.3	1 950.3	5 072.5	6.1	61.6

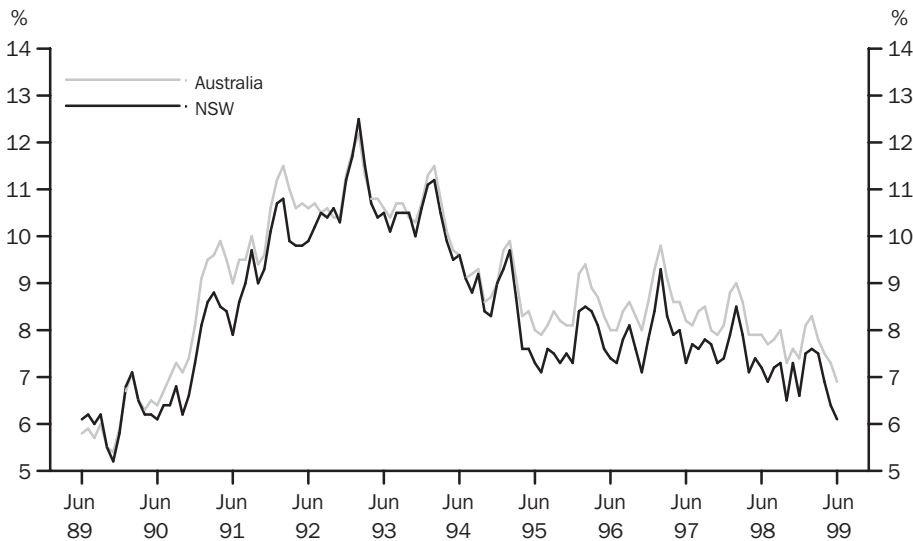
^a The number of unemployed in each group expressed as a percentage of the labour force in the same group.

^b The labour force in each group expressed as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group.

Source: Labour Force, Australia, Preliminary (Cat. no. 6202.0).

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UNEMPLOYMENT RATE—ORIGINAL



Source: Labour Force, Australia, Preliminary (Cat. no. 6202.0).

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COAL, ELECTRICITY AND GAS PRODUCTION, NSW AND AUSTRALIA—ORIGINAL

Indicator	Unit	Latest period	New South Wales				Australia		
			Latest figure	Change from	Change from	Latest figure	Change from	Change from	
				prior period	same period		prior year	prior period	same period
%	%	%	%	%					
Raw coal won—									
Underground	'000 tonnes	April 99	3 525	-28.4	-31.7	5 300	-30.7	-12.1	
Open cut	'000 tonnes	April 99	5 768	-26.3	-18.2	17 097	-15.2	17.3	
Total	'000 tonnes	April 99	9 293	-27.1	-23.9	22 397	-19.4	8.7	
Electricity	mill. kWh	Mar qtr 99	15 609	2.5	8.5	45 084	4.3	4.3	
Gas(a)	teraJ	Mar qtr 99	22 367	-10.7	-0.7	144 979	-7.9	2.8	

^a Available for issue through mains. Includes ACT.

Source: Joint Coal Board for NSW and Australia from ABS unpublished statistics, *Manufacturing Production, Australia* (Cat. no. 8301.0).

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COAL, ELECTRICITY AND GAS PRODUCTION, NSW—ORIGINAL

Period	Raw coal won			Electricity mill. kWh	Gas(a) teraJ
	Underground	Open cut	Total		
	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes		
1995-96	54 314	58 775	113 089	62 047	104 141
1996-97	r54 642	r69 036	r123 678	62 788	109 284
1997-98	58 299	75 710	134 009	61 804	111 665
1998					
February	4 553	5 948	10 501	n.a.	n.a.
March	4 437	5 800	10 237	n.a.	n.a.
April	5 160	7 052	12 212	} 15 561	} 29 614
May	4 648	5 851	10 499		
June	4 842	6 811	11 653		
July	5 130	7 241	12 371	} 16 543	} 32 258
August	3 788	5 616	9 404		
September	4 734	6 372	11 106		
October	4 732	7 131	11 863	} 15 227	} 25 039
November	3 988	6 931	10 919		
December	3 346	6 500	9 846		
1999					
January	3 273	6 159	9 432	} 15 609	} 22 367
February	3 848	6 913	10 761		
March	4 921	7 827	12 748		
April	3 525	5 768	9 293	n.a.	n.a.

^a Available for issue through mains. Includes ACT.

Source: Joint Coal Board, *Manufacturing Production, Australia* (Cat. no. 8301.0).

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BUILDING APPROVALS, NSW AND AUSTRALIA

Indicator	Unit	Latest period	New South Wales			Australia		
			Latest figure	Change from prior period %	Change from same period prior year %	Latest figure	Change from prior period %	Change from same period prior year %
Number of dwelling units(a) (seasonally adjusted)—								
New houses	No.	May 99	2 611	15.1	6.0	9 498	12.8	2.2
Total	No.	May 99	4 256	0.5	0.7	12 875	3.5	-2.4
Value of new residential building (seasonally adjusted)	\$m	May 99	503.0	4.7	-1.4	1 425.3	-1.6	-0.1
Value of alterations and additions to residential building(b) (seasonally adjusted)	\$m	May 99	108.5	21.9	-17.6	242.8	6.3	-12.8
Value of non-residential building(c) (original)	\$m	May 99	404.5	95.2	-37.4	953.5	17.9	-35.6
Value of all building (original)	\$m	May 99	1 094.2	40.5	-18.0	2 788.3	14.7	-15.2

^a Includes dwelling units approved as part of the construction of non-residential building and alterations and additions to existing buildings (including conversions to dwelling units).

^b Valued at \$10,000 or more. Includes conversions of existing buildings into residential buildings.

^c Valued at \$50,000 or more.

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

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BUILDING APPROVALS, NSW

Period	Number of dwelling units(a), seasonally adjusted				Value of building approvals			
	New houses		Total		Seasonally adjusted		Original	
	Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total	New residential building	Alterations and additions to residential building(b)	Non-residential building(c)	All building
	no.	no.	no.	no.	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1995-96	..	..	..	..	..	..	3 650.3	9 168.6
1996-97	..	..	..	..	..	..	5 169.2	11 356.6
1997-98	..	..	..	..	..	..	5 910.9	13 348.6
1998								
March	2 484	2 502	4 409	4 516	497.5	114.5	386.4	988.9
April	2 537	2 545	4 866	4 982	554.4	146.3	527.0	1 263.2
May	2 449	2 463	4 129	4 226	509.9	131.7	645.7	1 335.0
June	2 585	2 628	5 027	5 516	569.3	141.9	534.3	1 214.8
July	2 305	2 492	4 628	4 954	569.0	127.0	329.9	1 103.2
August	1 999	2 016	3 696	3 866	453.9	94.1	612.0	1 158.0
September	2 051	2 072	3 810	3 903	423.1	101.5	322.9	867.3
October	2 336	2 346	4 062	4 424	488.4	88.7	313.5	862.1
November	2 272	2 337	4 109	4 420	535.4	92.9	461.5	1 180.1
December	2 323	2 348	4 263	4 440	529.2	91.6	234.7	838.5
1999								
January	2 229	2 254	4 173	4 278	502.9	92.5	297.1	756.3
February	2 395	2 410	4 036	4 108	506.9	103.6	428.9	990.4
March	2 446	2 453	4 128	4 248	494.1	89.6	394.5	1 008.3
April	2 264	2 269	4 170	4 236	480.3	89.0	207.2	778.8
May	2 582	2 611	4 178	4 256	503.0	108.5	404.5	1 094.2

^a Includes dwelling units approved as part of the construction of non-residential building and alterations and additions to existing buildings (including conversions to dwelling units).

^b Valued at \$10,000 or more. Includes conversions of existing buildings into residential buildings.

^c Valued at \$50,000 or more.

NOTE: Most seasonally adjusted estimates to April 1999 have been revised as a result of the annual reanalysis of the seasonal factors.

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

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TURNOVER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS(a), NSW AND AUSTRALIA—SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Indicator	Latest period	New South Wales			Australia		
		Latest figure	Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year	Latest figure	Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year
		\$m	%	%	\$m	%	%
Food retailing	May 99	1 550.1	0.6	2.7	4 836.3	0.5	4.4
Department stores	May 99	354.2	-4.7	0.1	1 020.9	0.7	2.4
Clothing and soft good retailing	May 99	282.0	-8.3	-1.7	823.4	-2.4	8.5
Household good retailing	May 99	409.6	-2.0	-3.9	1 320.1	-0.3	4.6
Recreational good retailing	May 99	226.4	-7.2	2.2	678.4	-1.8	8.7
Other retailing	May 99	458.8	2.7	10.1	1 270.7	-0.6	7.6
Hospitality and services	May 99	934.4	-0.4	20.5	2 189.6	0.9	13.4
Total value of retail sales	May 99	4 215.6	-1.2	5.6	12 139.4	0.1	6.6

^a The figures shown are derived from a monthly survey of retail establishments. Excludes motor vehicle, boat and caravan dealers, service stations, smash repairers, tyre and battery retailers, bread and milk vendors, footwear repairers and electrical appliance repairers n.e.c. Retail establishments which do not have employees are excluded from the survey. Turnover includes retail sales, wholesale sales, takings from repairs, meals and hiring of goods; and commissions from agency activity (e.g. commissions received from collecting dry cleaning, selling lottery tickets etc.).

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

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TURNOVER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS(a), NSW—SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Period	Food retailing	Department stores	Clothing and soft good retailing	Household good retailing	Recreational good retailing	Other retailing	Hospitality and services	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1998								
March	1 547.6	334.2	265.2	444.7	224.0	394.2	760.3	3 970.2
April	1 515.8	347.2	269.6	433.7	229.8	412.7	762.3	3 971.1
May	1 509.9	354.0	286.8	426.4	221.5	416.6	775.3	3 990.6
June	1 531.9	304.4	271.8	422.0	224.4	420.9	775.1	3 950.5
July	1 514.6	387.6	281.4	427.1	219.5	414.1	801.9	4 046.2
August	1 483.4	340.0	286.5	425.7	205.2	405.0	785.5	3 931.3
September	1 530.2	347.7	296.4	416.3	221.5	412.5	794.4	4 019.1
October	1 552.5	350.7	310.7	400.4	224.5	401.4	808.9	4 049.2
November	1 528.6	373.4	294.9	391.4	221.3	403.2	851.7	4 064.6
December	1 534.6	335.3	295.8	389.0	222.3	403.6	820.7	4 001.5
1999								
January	1 575.5	407.8	298.6	435.3	235.3	421.0	893.2	4 266.7
February	1 557.8	349.2	285.1	409.3	226.6	424.0	923.4	4 175.5
March	1 613.2	351.9	290.6	396.0	244.7	412.5	939.0	4 247.8
April	1 541.0	371.8	307.4	418.0	243.9	446.8	937.8	4 266.8
May	1 550.1	354.2	282.0	409.6	226.4	458.8	934.4	4 215.6

^a The figures shown are derived from a monthly survey of retail establishments. Excludes motor vehicle, boat and caravan dealers, service stations, smash repairers, tyre and battery retailers, bread and milk vendors, footwear repairers and electrical appliance repairers n.e.c. Retail establishments which do not have employees are excluded from the survey. Turnover includes retail sales, wholesale sales, takings from repairs, meals and hiring of goods; and commissions from agency activity (e.g. commissions received from collecting dry cleaning, selling lottery tickets etc.).

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

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NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS(a), NSW AND AUSTRALIA—SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Indicator	Latest period	New South Wales			Australia		
		Latest figure	Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year	Latest figure	Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year
		no.	%	%	no.	%	%
Passenger vehicles	May 99	18 801	-1.3	0.3	53 594	-4.3	-3.2
Other vehicles (excluding motor cycles)	May 99	3 126	-7.2	-2.5	9 920	1.2	-1.7
Total registrations (excluding motor cycles)	May 99	21 927	-2.2	-0.1	63 514	-3.5	-3.0

^a Includes vehicles (other than those of the defence forces) owned by Government departments and authorities. Excludes mobile plant and equipment, tractors, trailers and non-motorised caravans.

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

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NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS(a), NSW—SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

Period	Passenger vehicles	Other vehicles (excluding motor cycles)	Total (excluding motor cycles)
	no.	no.	no.
1998			
March	18 527	3 082	21 609
April	18 913	3 363	22 276
May	18 745	3 207	21 952
June	21 013	3 245	24 258
July	21 482	3 315	24 796
August	19 089	3 266	22 355
September	20 003	3 214	23 217
October	18 356	3 375	21 731
November	19 815	3 398	23 212
December	19 616	3 501	23 117
1999			
January	18 567	3 610	22 177
February	18 151	3 353	21 504
March	19 978	3 623	23 601
April	19 040	3 370	22 410
May	18 801	3 126	21 927

^a Includes vehicles (other than those of the defence forces) owned by Government departments and authorities. Excludes mobile plant and equipment, tractors, trailers and non-motorised caravans.

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

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ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS(a) NSW AND AUSTRALIA—ORIGINAL

Indicator	Unit	Latest period	New South Wales				Australia		
			Latest figure	Change from	Change from	Latest figure	Change from	Change from	
				prior period	same period		prior period	same period	
			%	%		%	%		
Room nights	'000	Mar qtr 99	3 213.2	0.1	6.5	9 585.8	-3.2	5.8	
Room occupancy rate	%	Mar qtr 99	60.6	1.3	1.3	58.1	-2.2	0.2	
Takings	\$'000	Mar qtr 99	360 674	0.4	5.1	1 003 060	-3.8	5.0	

^a Licensed hotels with facilities, motels and guest houses and serviced apartments with 15 or more rooms or units.

Source: *Tourist Accommodation, Australia (Cat. no. 8635.0)*.

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ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS(a) SYDNEY AND NSW—ORIGINAL

Period	Sydney Tourism Region(b)			New South Wales		
	Room nights	Room occupancy rate	Takings	Room nights	Room occupancy rate	Takings
	'000	%	\$'000	'000	%	\$'000
1997						
December qtr	1 653.5	73.0	235 244	3 081.0	60.8	343 650
1998						
March qtr	1 664.9	71.9	235 516	3 017.3	59.8	343 248
June qtr	1 568.3	66.3	216 500	2 890.3	56.3	316 721
September qtr	1 640.0	66.1	222 944	3 077.3	57.9	342 102
December qtr	1 777.0	70.0	246 125	3 210.5	59.8	359 172
1999						
March qtr	1 828.8	72.5	248 997	3 213.2	60.6	360 674

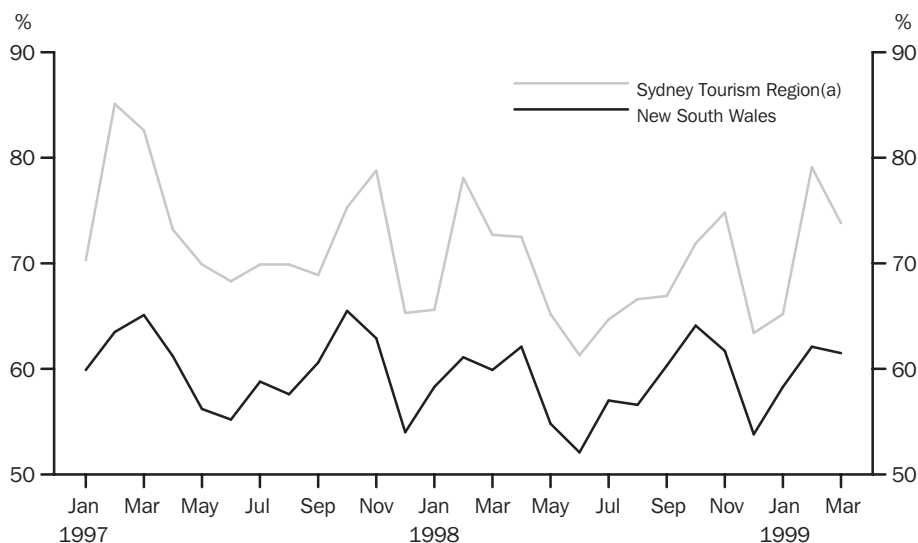
^a Licensed hotels with facilities, motels and guest houses and serviced apartments with 15 or more rooms or units.

^b Excludes Gosford, Wyong and Blue Mountains Statistical Local Areas.

Source: *Tourist Accommodation, Small Area Data, NSW (Prod. no. 8635.1.40.001)*.

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ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS MONTHLY ROOM OCCUPANCY RATE—ORIGINAL



(a) Excludes Gosford, Wyong and Blue Mountains Statistical Local Areas. Source: *Tourist Accommodation, Small Area Data, NSW (Prod. no. 8635.1.40.001)*.

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CONSUMER AND PRODUCER PRICE INDEXES, NSW AND AUSTRALIA

Indicator	Unit	Latest period	Latest figure	New South Wales(a)		Australia(b)		
				Change from prior period %	Change from same period prior year %	Latest figure	Change from prior period %	Change from same period prior year %
Consumer Price Index (all groups)	1989-90 =100.0	Jun qtr 99	123.0	0.3	1.3	122.3	0.4	1.1
Price index of materials used in house building (all groups)	1989-90 =100.0	Jun qtr 99	121.8	-0.2	0.9	119.2	-0.3	0.2
Price index of materials used in building other than house building (all groups)	1989-90 =100.0	Jun qtr 99	115.4	0.2	0.5	115.4	0.2	0.8

^a Refers to State capital city—Sydney.

^b For the Consumer Price Index this is the weighted average of eight capital cities and for the other two indexes, the weighted average of the six State capital cities.

Source: Consumer Price Index, Australia (Cat. no. 6401.0), Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other Than House Building, Six State Capital Cities (Cat. no. 6407.0), Price Index of Materials Used in House Building, Six State Capital Cities (Cat. no. 6408.0).

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CONSUMER AND PRODUCER PRICE INDEXES, NSW(a)

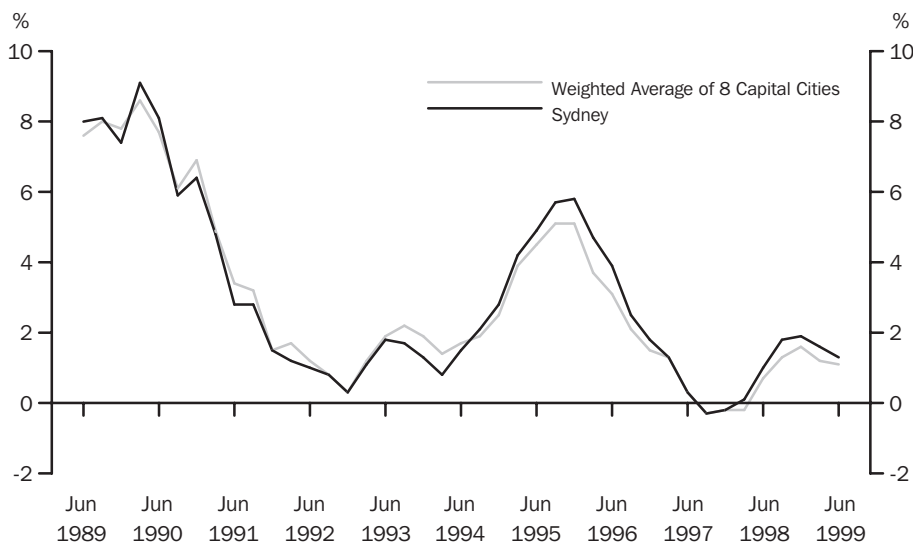
Period	Consumer Price Index, all groups	Price Index of materials used in house building, all groups	Price Index of materials used in building other than house building, all groups
	1989-90 = 100.0	1989-90 = 100.0	1989-90 = 100.0
1998			
March qtr	120.7	120.8	114.4
June qtr	121.4	120.7	114.8
September qtr	121.9	120.8	115.0
December qtr	122.4	121.8	115.1
1999			
March qtr	122.6	122.0	115.2
June qtr	123.0	121.8	115.4

^a Refers to State capital city—Sydney.

Source: Consumer Price Index, Australia (Cat. no. 6401.0), Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other Than House Building, Six State Capital Cities (Cat. no. 6407.0), Price Index of Materials Used in House Building, Six State Capital Cities (Cat. no. 6408.0).

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE



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

Indicator	Latest period	New South Wales			Australia		
		Latest figure \$m	Change from prior period %	Change from same period prior year %	Latest figure \$m	Change from prior period %	Change from same period prior year %
Lending commitments for the construction or purchase of dwellings—							
Construction of dwellings	May 99	278	14.1	28.6	877	5.9	22.7
Purchase of newly erected dwellings	May 99	96	21.2	1.7	235	5	3.7
Purchase of established dwellings(a)	May 99	1 804	12	43	3 988	9.3	37.5
Refinancing of existing dwellings	May 99	367	8	17.6	878	5.2	13.6
Lending commitments for alterations and additions	May 99	110	13.1	10.8	275	4.5	22.5
Total lending commitments to individuals for housing(b)	May 99	2 545	12	35	5 978	8	29.5
Total lending commitments to individuals for housing (seasonally adjusted)(b)	May 99	2 428	5.0	33.6	5 968	4.2	29.6

^a Excludes refinancing.

^b Excludes alterations and additions.

Source: *Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia (Cat. no. 5609.0)*.

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SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS TO INDIVIDUALS FOR OWNER OCCUPATION, NSW

Period	Lending commitments for the construction or purchase of dwellings				Total lending commitments to individuals for housing(b)		
	Construction of dwellings \$m	Purchase of newly erected dwellings \$m	Purchase of established dwellings(a) \$m	Refinancing of existing dwellings \$m	Lending commitments for alterations and additions \$m	Original \$m	Seasonally adjusted \$m
1995-96	1 895	898	10 145	2 930	1 262	15 868	..
1996-97	2 117	1 234	12 566	4 062	1 221	19 979	..
1997-98	2 625	1 280	14 445	3 573	1 174	21 973	..
1998							
March	239	112	1 290	314	107	1 955	1 778
April	223	107	1 305	285	95	1 920	1 885
May	216	95	1 261	312	99	1 885	1 818
June	262	116	1 360	359	102	2 097	2 037
July	263	123	1 284	376	97	2 045	1 827
August	224	93	1 171	307	85	1 796	1 796
September	242	105	1 158	326	86	1 831	1 755
October	222	95	1 220	302	85	1 838	1 902
November	229	100	1 357	337	91	2 024	2 004
December	235	96	1 343	295	82	1 970	2 095
1999							
January	176	63	1 025	249	74	1 512	2 094
February	239	75	1 223	312	89	1 849	1 907
March	341	106	1 741	407	126	2 595	2 207
April	244	79	1 610	340	97	2 273	2 312
May	278	96	1 804	367	110	2 545	2 428

^a Excludes refinancing.

^b Excludes alterations and additions.

Source: *Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia (Cat. no. 5609.0)*.

Item	Actual		Estimates	
	4 months ended 30 April 1999		12 months ended 30 June 1999	
	\$m		\$m	
Current receipts—				
Stamp duties	3 251		3 459	
Payroll tax	2 984		3 621	
Land tax	671		945	
Motor vehicle taxes	856		1 002	
Gaming and betting	1 161		1 440	
Commonwealth safety net taxes	1 657		1 873	
Other taxes	953		1 095	
Commonwealth general purpose grants	3 902		4 731	
Commonwealth specific purpose grants	2 885		3 230	
Dividends/tax equivalents	1 120		1 251	
Other current receipts	1 044		1 202	
<i>Total current receipts</i>	<i>20 484</i>		<i>23 849</i>	
Current payments—				
Interest payments	977		1 276	
Superannuation	1 224		1 462	
Subsidies to non-budget sector—				
Redundancies	68		77	
Services	927		798	
Departmental payments—				
Redundancies	52		53	
Health	4 835		5 706	
Education	4 313		5 364	
Law and order	1 499		1 733	
Community services	1 056		1 217	
Other	4 634		5 693	
Treasurer's advances	..		125	
Less User charges	-1 700		-2 014	
<i>Total current outlays</i>	<i>17 885</i>		<i>21 490</i>	
Current result surplus/deficit(-)	2 599		2 359	
Capital receipts—				
Commonwealth specific purpose grants	612		788	
Other capital receipts	371		10	
<i>Total capital receipts</i>	<i>983</i>		<i>798</i>	
Capital outlays—				
Gross fixed capital payments	2 312		2 841	
Capital grants	931		1 016	
Less Asset sales	-431		-745	
<i>Total capital outlays</i>	<i>2 812</i>		<i>3 112</i>	
Capital result surplus/deficit(-)	-1 829		-2 314	
Government Finance Statistics result surplus/deficit(-)	770		45	

^a Includes Department of Training and Education Co-ordination, Department of School Education, Office of the Board of Studies and TAFE.

^b Includes Attorney Generals Department, Department of Corrective Services and Police Services.

^c Expenditure from the Treasurer's Advance is included in the relevant current payments figures.

Note: Please note that comparative figures for 1997-98 are not available due to changes in coverage of data from General Government Budget to all General Government by the New South Wales Treasury.

Source: Financial Statement released by NSW Treasury. Figures may differ from data published in annual ABS publications.

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ACTUAL PRIVATE NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, CURRENT PRICES—NSW AND AUSTRALIA, TREND

Indicator	Latest period	New South Wales			Australia		
		Latest figure	Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year	Latest figure	Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year
		\$m	%	%	\$m	%	%
Type of asset—							
New buildings and structures	Mar qtr	1 044	-4.5	-3.1	3 511	-5.8	4.8
Equipment, plant and machinery	Mar qtr	2 712	4.0	1.8	8 068	1.7	-4.6
Total	Mar qtr	3 756	1.5	0.4	11 579	-0.7	-1.9

Source: State Estimates of Private New Capital Expenditure (Cat. no. 5646.0).

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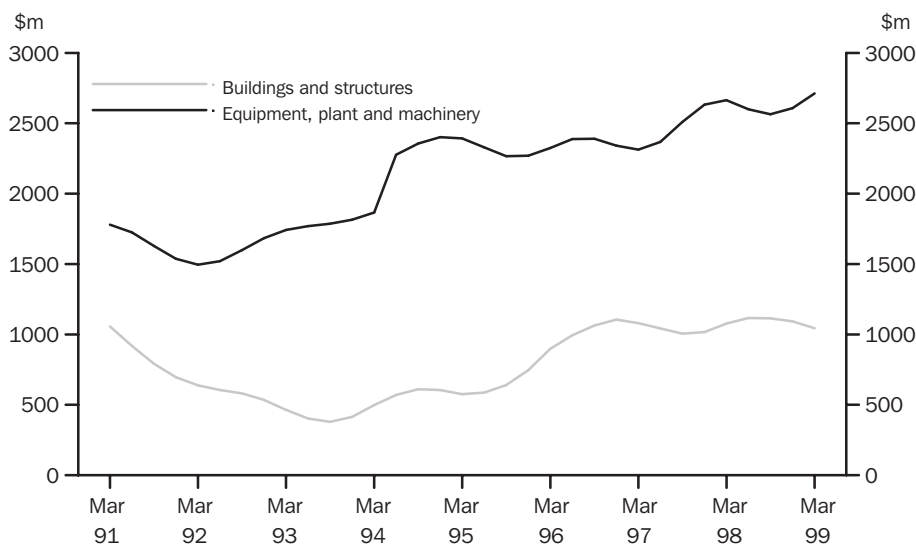
ACTUAL PRIVATE NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, CURRENT PRICES—NSW, TREND

Period	Type of asset		
	New buildings and structures	Equipment, plant and machinery	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m
1997			
December qtr	1 017	2 633	3 651
1998			
March qtr	1 077	2 665	3 742
June qtr	1 117	2 600	3 717
September qtr	1 114	2 564	3 678
December qtr	1 093	2 608	3 701
1999			
March qtr	1 044	2 712	3 756

Source: State Estimates of New Capital Expenditure (Cat. no. 5646.0).

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ACTUAL PRIVATE NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, CURRENT PRICES—NSW, TREND



Source: State Estimates of New Capital Expenditure (Cat. no. 5646.0)

Item	Latest period	New South Wales			Australia		
		Latest figure	Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year	Latest figure	Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year
		\$m	%	%	\$m	%	%
Overseas imports into NSW	May 99	3 606	6.5	10.2	7 761	0.4	1.4
Total overseas exports(c)	May 99	1 489	15.6	-10.9	6 630	9.2	-10.2
Export commodities and SITC(d) code—							
Meat and meat preparations (01)	May 99	75	1.4	-8.5	332	0.0	-7.4
Cereals and cereal preparations (04)	May 99	83	-12.6	-34.1	334	-19.5	-11.6
Wool and other animal hair (268)	May 99	57	39.0	-21.9	212	22.5	-18.8
Coal, coke and briquettes (32)	May 99	282	20.5	-6.3	727	10.7	-14.5
Iron and steel (67)	May 99	102	85.5	3.0	170	107.3	-5.6
Aluminium (684)	May 99	91	13.8	-15.0	250	2.9	-16.1
Office machines and automatic data processing machines (75)	May 99	41	41.4	7.9	64	20.8	-14.7

^a Figures shown are Customs value.

^b Figures shown are Free On Board (FOB) values.

^c Excludes re-exported goods.

^d Standard International Trade Classification Revision 3.

Source: International Trade database.

Period	Overseas exports of SITC(d) commodities								
	Overseas imports into NSW	Total overseas exports(c)	Meat and meat preparations (01)	Cereals and cereal preparations (04)	Wool and other animal hair (268)	Coal, coke and briquettes (32)	Iron and steel (67)	Aluminium (684)	Office machines and automatic data processing machines (75)
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1995-96	34 917	16 684	794	822	720	3 338	1 037	1 111	638
1996-97	34 229	17 730	784	1 540	859	3 426	968	993	535
1997-98	38 481	19 680	923	1 588	1 061	4 048	1 168	1 226	522
1998									
March	3 439	1 502	82	126	73	301	99	107	38
April	3 070	1 481	64	104	66	337	104	100	37
May	3 271	1 672	82	97	67	346	118	109	38
June	3 594	1 643	79	86	49	366	118	126	42
July	3 770	1 610	79	96	65	342	112	104	41
August	3 473	r1 599	69	87	43	356	92	99	32
September	3 551	1 635	88	118	60	328	95	111	33
October	3 680	r1 528	77	59	74	356	68	106	28
November	r3 746	r1 517	85	79	73	332	81	91	26
December	r3 466	r1 690	84	139	67	363	70	91	23
1999									
January	3 020	1 338	70	102	42	337	68	r106	18
February	r3 093	r1 326	79	99	61	272	70	78	25
March	r3 761	r1 493	91	112	55	305	r84	106	r29
April	r3 386	r1 288	r74	95	r41	r234	r55	r80	r29
May	3 606	1 489	75	83	57	282	102	91	41

^a Figures shown are Customs value.

^b Figures shown are Free On Board (FOB) values.

^c Excludes re-exported goods.

^d Standard International Trade Classification Revision 3.

Source: International Trade database

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