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GENERAL

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

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	Employment in NSW increased by 0.8% in April 2000 to a seasonally adjusted figure of 3,038,200. National employment in April 2000 was 9,008,200.
UNEMPLOYMENT	Unemployment in NSW decreased by 5.9% to a seasonally adjusted figure of 181,800 in April 2000. The unemployment rate decreased from 6.0% in March 2000 to 5.6% in April 2000. The national unemployment rate was 6.8% in April 2000.
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS	Average weekly employee earnings (full-time adult ordinary time) in February 2000 were \$811.60, an increase of 3.6% compared with February 1999. NSW earnings were almost 5% higher than the national figure.
BUILDING APPROVALS	The seasonally adjusted number of new dwelling units approved for NSW in March 2000 decreased 18.7% from the previous month to 3,687.
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS	New motor vehicle registrations for NSW in seasonally adjusted terms in March 2000 decreased by 2.3% on the previous month to 21,837.
FINANCE	The seasonally adjusted value of housing finance commitments for owner occupation in NSW in March 2000 was \$2,427 million, down 10.4% on the previous month but an overall increase of 9.6% on March 1999.
IMPORTS AND EXPORTS	The customs value of imports into NSW during March 2000 was \$4,341 million, an increase of 17.0% on February 2000. The value of exports (FOB) from NSW in March 2000 was \$1,615 million, a rise of 6.6% over the same period.
GOVERNMENT FINANCE STATISTICS (GFS)	<p>The General Government GFS result for the eight months ended 29 February 2000 was an underlying surplus of \$1,215 million. The result comprises a surplus of \$2,632 million on current transactions and a deficit of \$1,417 million on capital transactions.</p> <p>Total receipts amounted to \$17,487 million and total underlying outlays amounted to \$16,272 million.</p> <p>The 1999–2000 Budget projects full year receipts of \$25,987 million and total underlying outlays of \$25,773 million.</p>
RETAIL	In seasonally adjusted terms, total retail sales for NSW in March 2000 was \$4,157.7 million. For February 2000, the figure was \$4,110.8 million.

MAIN FEATURES

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS

In March 2000, the customs value of imports into NSW was \$4,341 million and the value of exports (FOB) from NSW was \$1,615 million. In terms of annual movements, imports into NSW increased by 15.4% compared to March 1999, and exports increased by 8.4% over the same period. At the national level, imports at \$9,654 million rose 12.0% on the previous month and were 11.0% up on the figure a year ago. Exports were \$8,354 million, an increase of 7.0% on the previous period and 21.1% on the previous year.

Commodities exported from NSW in March 2000 included Meat and meat preparations (\$95 million), Cereal and cereal preparations (\$122 million), Wool and other animal hair (\$77 million), Coal, coke and briquettes (\$238 million), Iron and steel (\$78 million), Aluminium (\$132 million), and Office machines and automatic data processing machines (\$44 million). Significant changes from the previous month occurred for Iron and steel (up 29.4%) and Office machines and automatic data processing machines (up 27.6%). Changes from March 1999 were significant for Office machines and automatic data processing machines (up 49.3%) and Wool and other animal hair (up 40.2%). Nationally, significant annual movements occurred for Wool and other animal hair (up 34.2%) and Aluminium (up 21.0%).

RETAIL

In seasonally adjusted terms, total retail sales for NSW increased from \$4,110.8 million in February 2000 to \$4,157.7 million in March 2000. Over this period, there was a significant movement for the Clothing and soft good retailing industry group (up 10.0% to \$295.2 million). Comparing March 2000 with March 1999, a significant movement occurred for the Household good retailing industry group which increased 19.8% to \$449.8 million.

Nationally, total retail sales in March 2000 was \$11,953.4 million, up from the previous months figure of \$11,877.4 million. As with NSW, there were few significant movements when compared to both the previous month and March the previous year. The only industry group to show a significant movement over the previous month was Clothing and soft good retailing which increased 5.4% to \$788.5 million. Household good retailing was the only industry group to show a significant movement compared to March 1999 (up 9.8% to \$1,366.8 million).

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1 ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION—NSW

	<i>Estimated resident population at end of period</i>			<i>Increase during period</i>			<i>Mean estimated resident population for year ended</i>	
	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Natural increase(a)</i>	<i>Net estimated migration</i>	<i>Total increase(b)</i>	<i>30 June</i>	<i>31 December</i>
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
1996	3 098.9	3 143.1	6 241.9	41.8	31.3	73.1	6 167.2	6 204.2
1997	3 128.9	3 171.5	6 300.5	40.9	17.6	58.5	6 240.9	6 276.1
1998	3 168.3	3 207.8	6 376.2	40.5	35.2	75.7	6 307.1	6 344.3
1998								
June qtr	3 146.3	3 187.2	6 333.5	9.9	4.1	14.0	..	..
September qtr	3 157.3	3 197.6	6 354.9	8.2	13.2	21.4	..	..
December qtr	3 168.3	3 207.8	6 376.2	12.1	9.1	21.2	..	..
1999								
March qtr	3 179.0	3 218.2	6 397.2	9.1	11.9	21.0	..	..
June qtr	3 186.9	3 224.8	6 411.7	9.7	4.8	14.5	..	..
September qtr	3 195.9	3 232.8	6 428.7	8.1	8.9	17.0	..	..

(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).

2 LABOUR—NSW AND AUSTRALIA

	Unit	Latest period	Latest figure	New South Wales		Latest figure	Australia	
				Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year		Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year
				%	%	no.	%	%
Employed persons (seasonally adjusted)	'000	April 2000	3 038.2	0.8	4.7	9 008.2	0.4	3.3
Unemployed persons (seasonally adjusted)	'000	April 2000	181.8	-5.9	-14.5	656.5	-0.8	-6.7
Labour force (seasonally adjusted)	'000	April 2000	3 220.0	0.4	3.3	9 664.7	0.3	2.6
Participation rate (seasonally adjusted)	%	April 2000	62.7	0.3	1.8	63.7	0.2	1.1
Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted)	%	April 2000	5.6	-6.7	-17.6	6.8	-1.4	-9.3
Industrial disputes—working days lost	'000	Feb 2000	20.1	168.0	-50.1	63.6	148.4	32.8
Job vacancies	'000	Feb 2000	46.4	25.7	51.9	112.7	9.2	36.2
Average weekly employee earnings—full-time adult ordinary time earnings (seasonally adjusted)	\$	Feb 2000	811.6	0.8	3.6	773.9	1.4	4.1

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

3 LABOUR—NSW

	Seasonally adjusted						
	Employed persons	Unemployed persons	Labour force	Participation rate	Unemployment rate	Industrial disputes (working days lost)	Job vacancies
	'000	'000	'000	%	%	'000	'000
1999							
February	2 907.8	209.3	3 117.1	61.8	6.7	40.3	30.5
March	2 904.2	219.6	3 123.8	61.8	7.0	7.8	..
April	2 903.2	212.7	3 115.9	61.6	6.8	2.1	..
May	2 920.5	203.8	3 124.3	61.7	6.5	3.1	37.5
June	2 926.9	201.6	3 128.5	61.7	6.4	3.9	..
July	2 938.2	192.1	3 130.3	61.6	6.1	23.4	..
August	2 936.1	208.2	3 144.3	61.8	6.6	32.2	48.3
September	2 948.9	217.8	3 166.7	62.2	6.9	33.8	..
October	2 967.0	190.0	3 157.0	61.9	6.0	16.7	..
November	2 960.5	176.9	3 137.4	61.5	5.6	121.4	36.9
December	2 971.5	199.9	3 171.4	62.0	6.3	29.1	..
2000							
January	2 974.0	189.5	3 163.5	61.8	6.0	7.5	..
February	3 004.5	186.4	3 190.9	62.3	5.8	20.1	46.4
March	3 013.9	193.3	3 207.2	62.5	6.0	n.y.a.	..
April	3 038.2	181.8	3 220.0	62.7	5.6	n.y.a.	..

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

4 LABOUR FORCE STATUS, NSW—ORIGINAL

	<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									
April									
1996	1 407.4	1 581.5	125.8	145.0	1 726.4	658.9	2 385.4	8.4	72.4
1997	1 421.6	1 610.2	119.8	137.9	1 748.1	670.1	2 418.2	7.9	72.3
1998	1 443.1	1 624.3	103.4	121.5	1 745.8	705.7	2 451.5	7.0	71.2
1999									
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
July	1 491.8	1 687.4	83.2	101.3	1 788.7	707.7	2 496.4	5.7	71.7
August	1 464.1	1 662.6	95.9	115.3	1 777.8	721.6	2 499.4	6.5	71.1
September	1 502.7	1 696.2	97.6	124.8	1 820.9	681.5	2 502.4	6.9	72.8
October	1 504.7	1 688.4	87.4	105.5	1 793.9	712.6	2 506.4	5.9	71.6
November	1 498.9	1 681.8	81.4	95.1	1 777.0	733.5	2 510.5	5.4	70.8
December	1 530.2	1 711.0	95.2	116.1	1 827.0	687.5	2 514.5	6.4	72.7
2000									
January	1 497.6	1 680.2	104.8	119.9	1 800.1	717.6	2 517.7	6.7	71.5
February	1 503.6	1 694.0	95.8	113.8	1 807.8	713.1	2 520.9	6.3	71.7
March	1 494.2	1 701.8	93.5	114.1	1 815.9	708.2	2 524.0	6.3	71.9
April	1 504.7	1 716.6	81.8	100.5	1 817.1	710.5	2 527.6	5.5	71.9
FEMALES									
April									
1996	723.8	1 191.0	67.9	100.1	1 291.1	1 184.5	2 475.6	7.8	52.2
1997	731.7	1 213.5	68.2	103.7	1 317.2	1 192.4	2 509.6	7.9	52.5
1998	722.2	1 228.7	62.7	95.5	1 324.2	1 216.6	2 540.8	7.2	52.1
1999									
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
July	754.9	1 265.7	53.2	76.5	1 342.2	1 239.8	2 582.0	5.7	52.0
August	723.4	1 237.1	54.9	86.7	1 323.8	1 261.2	2 584.9	6.5	51.2
September	749.9	1 285.6	61.3	97.6	1 383.2	1 204.7	2 587.9	7.1	53.4
October	767.2	1 289.1	51.3	77.1	1 366.2	1 225.1	2 591.3	5.6	52.7
November	756.5	1 283.3	50.5	71.8	1 355.1	1 239.7	2 594.8	5.3	52.2
December	788.4	1 307.0	54.7	80.9	1 387.9	1 210.4	2 598.3	5.8	53.4
2000									
January	776.9	1 257.2	55.3	80.7	1 337.9	1 262.8	2 600.7	6.0	51.4
February	755.7	1 282.3	57.0	98.2	1 380.5	1 222.7	2 603.2	7.1	53.0
March	771.1	1 307.8	57.0	92.4	1 400.2	1 205.4	2 605.6	6.6	53.7
April	791.3	1 318.7	52.1	82.4	1 401.1	1 207.3	2 608.4	5.9	53.7

(a) For footnotes see end of table.

4 LABOUR FORCE STATUS, NSW—ORIGINAL—continued

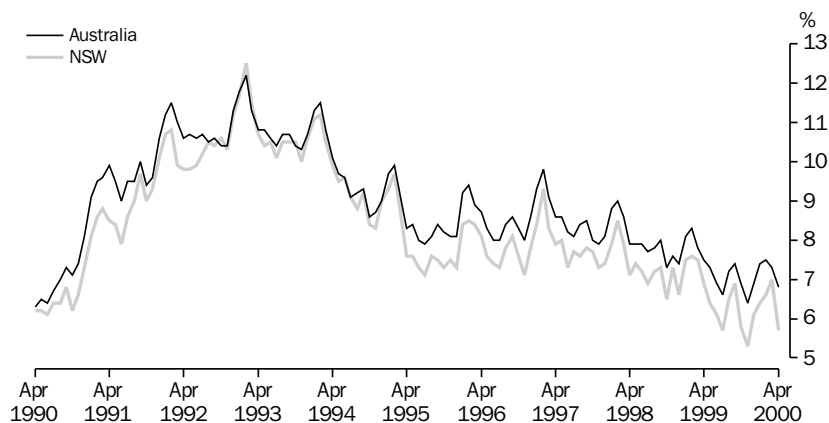
	Employed		Unemployed		Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 years and over	Unemployment rate(a)	Participation rate(b)
	Full-time workers	Total	Looking for full-time work	Total					
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	%	%
PERSONS									
April									
1996	2 131.2	2 772.5	193.7	245.1	3 017.6	1 843.4	4 861.0	8.1	62.1
1997	2 153.3	2 823.7	187.9	241.5	3 065.2	1 862.5	4 927.7	7.9	62.2
1998	2 165.3	2 853.1	166.1	217.0	3 070.0	1 922.3	4 992.4	7.1	61.5
1999									
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
July	2 246.7	2 953.2	136.4	177.8	3 131.0	1 947.5	5 078.5	5.7	61.7
August	2 187.6	2 899.6	150.8	202.0	3 101.6	1 982.8	5 084.4	6.5	61.0
September	2 252.6	2 981.8	158.9	222.4	3 204.2	1 886.2	5 090.3	6.9	62.9
October	2 271.8	2 977.5	138.6	182.6	3 160.1	1 937.7	5 097.8	5.8	62.0
November	2 255.4	2 965.1	131.9	167.0	3 132.1	1 973.2	5 105.3	5.3	61.3
December	2 318.6	3 017.9	149.9	197.0	3 214.9	1 897.9	5 112.8	6.1	62.9
2000									
January	2 274.5	2 937.4	160.1	200.6	3 138.0	1 980.4	5 118.4	6.4	61.3
February	2 259.3	2 976.3	152.8	212.0	3 188.3	1 935.7	5 124.0	6.6	62.2
March	2 265.4	3 009.6	150.4	206.5	3 216.1	1 913.6	5 129.7	6.4	62.7
April	2 296.0	3 035.3	133.9	182.9	3 218.2	1 917.8	5 136.0	5.7	62.7

(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).

5 UNEMPLOYMENT RATE—ORIGINAL



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

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

			New South Wales			Australia		
			Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year		Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year	
	Unit	Latest period	Latest figure	%	%	Latest figure	%	%
Raw coal won								
Underground	'000 tonnes	Jan 2000	3 562	-23.6	8.8	7 208	-3.6	49.6
Open cut	'000 tonnes	Jan 2000	5 688	-19.5	-7.5	15 048	-10.6	-7.8
Total	'000 tonnes	Jan 2000	9 250	-21.1	-1.9	22 256	-8.5	5.3
Electricity	mill. kWh	Mar qtr 2000	16 339	6.9	4.7	46 040	3.2	2.1
Gas(a)	teraJ	Mar qtr 2000	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	152 709	-3.7	5.3

(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).

7 COAL, ELECTRICITY AND GAS PRODUCTION, NSW—ORIGINAL

	Raw coal won			Electricity	Gas(a)
	Underground	Open cut	Total		
	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	mill. kWh	teraJ
1996-97	54 642	69 036	123 678	62 788	109 284
1997-98	58 299	75 710	134 009	61 804	111 665
1998-99	51 158	80 209	131 367	63 743	110 092
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	16 365	30 428
May	4 664	6 303	10 967		
June	5 209	7 448	12 657		
July	4 137	6 270	10 407	16 977	32 555
August	3 820	6 306	10 126		
September	5 552	8 215	13 767		
October	4 045	6 084	10 129	15 284	26 029
November	4 340	6 213	10 553		
December	4 662	7 066	11 728		
2000					
January	3 562	5 688	9 250	16 339	n.p.
February	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		
March	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		

(a) Available for issue through mains. Includes ACT.

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

8 BUILDING APPROVALS—NSW AND AUSTRALIA

	Unit	Latest period	Latest figure	New South Wales		Australia		
				Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year	Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year	
				%	%	%	%	%
Number of dwelling units(a) (seasonally adjusted)								
New houses	no.	Mar 2000	2 538	–10.9	4.5	10 384	–11.1	9.4
Total	no.	Mar 2000	3 687	–18.7	–10.6	13 639	–14.4	0.5
Value of new residential building (seasonally adjusted)	\$m	Mar 2000	465.3	–19.5	–8.5	1 770.0	–10.0	16.6
Value of alterations and additions to residential building(b) (seasonally adjusted)	\$m	Mar 2000	112.7	–14.1	7.5	274.7	–11.1	7.9
Value of non-residential building(c) (original)	\$m	Mar 2000	440.7	57.7	2.0	909.0	10.4	–26.2
Value of all building (original)	\$m	Mar 2000	1 051.5	12.5	5.6	3 041.6	0.6	5.0

(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).

9 BUILDING APPROVALS—NSW

	Number of dwelling units(a), seasonally adjusted				Value of building approvals			
	New houses		Total		Seasonally adjusted		Original	
	Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total	Alterations and additions to residential building	Non-residential building(c)	All building	
	no.	no.	no.	no.	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
1996–97	..	..	..	..	..	..	5 169.2	11 356.6
1997–98	..	..	..	..	..	..	5 910.9	13 348.6
1998–99	..	..	..	..	..	..	4 534.9	11 872.4
1999								
January	2 257	2 282	4 245	4 349	511.0	92.6	297.6	762.9
February	2 462	2 477	4 182	4 256	521.6	104.8	432.7	1 008.9
March	2 462	2 479	4 194	4 330	503.6	90.4	396.7	1 021.3
April	2 269	2 278	4 228	4 299	485.7	89.1	207.5	784.7
May	2 591	2 619	4 217	4 295	531.9	108.6	424.7	1 147.3
June	2 461	2 473	4 504	4 574	608.1	91.1	503.7	1 173.7
July	2 743	2 755	4 472	4 636	612.6	105.3	523.6	1 266.7
August	2 562	2 564	5 030	5 105	657.0	117.8	509.0	1 280.6
September	2 295	2 338	4 067	4 129	503.9	113.6	260.3	932.8
October	2 683	2 707	4 449	4 698	585.4	119.9	266.0	896.7
November	2 724	2 740	4 064	4 176	522.4	102.5	264.1	978.6
December	3 038	3 058	4 261	4 305	563.3	114.8	278.1	946.8
2000								
January	2 667	2 684	4 115	4 189	624.5	90.6	359.2	935.3
February	2 831	2 847	4 422	4 536	577.8	131.2	279.5	934.9
March	2 527	2 538	3 652	3 687	465.3	112.7	440.7	1 051.5

(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).

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

		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
	Latest period	\$m	%	%	\$m	%	%
Food retailing	Mar 2000	1 528.9	0.3	-2.5	4 774.9	0.6	-1.1
Department stores	Mar 2000	370.6	-1.1	1.8	1 053.6	-0.8	-1.1
Clothing and soft good retailing	Mar 2000	295.2	10.0	2.7	788.5	5.4	-3.6
Household good retailing	Mar 2000	449.8	-2.5	19.8	1 366.8	-2.2	9.8
Recreational good retailing	Mar 2000	217.2	3.8	3.3	614.7	-1.1	0.5
Other retailing	Mar 2000	433.5	0.6	11.2	1 241.1	2.8	0.8
Hospitality and services	Mar 2000	862.4	2.4	-2.1	2 113.9	1.0	5.7
Total value of retail sales	Mar 2000	4 157.7	1.1	2.0	11 953.4	0.6	1.3

(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).

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

	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
1999								
January	1 548.0	387.7	291.7	408.0	202.2	399.5	840.2	4 077.2
February	1 527.5	355.9	283.3	380.6	196.4	401.0	867.2	4 011.9
March	1 568.6	364.2	287.5	375.7	210.3	390.0	880.6	4 077.0
April	1 518.6	360.1	296.9	389.5	208.6	417.7	876.6	4 068.0
May	1 526.4	353.6	282.2	387.3	198.4	425.8	884.0	4 057.7
June	1 537.4	343.3	285.2	390.3	203.0	409.0	875.2	4 043.3
July	1 536.0	364.4	278.6	406.1	216.4	409.9	846.0	4 057.4
August	1 557.2	370.3	303.0	436.7	207.6	426.2	826.5	4 127.4
September	1 582.3	364.8	298.2	456.1	211.6	426.3	869.9	4 209.2
October	1 565.2	380.5	304.8	466.6	202.2	421.0	833.5	4 173.9
November	1 567.6	381.3	311.3	432.0	196.1	437.4	826.5	4 152.3
December	1 582.3	374.0	304.0	418.8	199.9	445.4	854.4	4 178.8
2000								
January	1 536.7	367.3	289.2	439.7	216.7	419.2	844.9	4 113.7
February	1 524.1	374.8	268.4	461.5	209.2	430.8	842.0	4 110.8
March	1 528.9	370.6	295.2	449.8	217.2	433.5	862.4	4 157.7

(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).

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

	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	Mar 2000	18 315	-0.3	-5.1	51 368	-2.0	-9.7
Other vehicles (excluding motor cycles)	Mar 2000	3 522	-11.4	-1.5	10 501	-6.3	-2.4
Total registrations (excluding motor cycles)	Mar 2000	21 837	-2.3	-4.5	61 869	-2.8	-8.6

(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).

13 NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS(A), NSW—SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

	Passenger vehicles	Other vehicles (excluding motor cycles)	Total (excluding motor cycles)
	no.	no.	no.
1999			
January	19 048	3 588	22 636
February	18 398	3 354	21 752
March	19 292	3 574	22 865
April	19 504	3 372	22 876
May	18 845	3 184	22 029
June	19 442	3 363	22 805
July	19 633	3 748	23 381
August	17 713	3 449	21 162
September	18 022	3 553	21 574
October	17 819	3 802	21 621
November	18 426	3 942	22 368
December	19 679	4 395	24 074
2000			
January	17 675	3 672	21 347
February r	18 376	3 977	22 352
March	18 315	3 522	21 837

(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).

14 ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS(a) NSW AND AUSTRALIA—ORIGINAL

	Unit	Latest period	Latest figure	New South Wales		Latest figure	Australia	
				Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year		Change from prior period	Change from same period prior year
				%	%		%	%
Room nights	'000	Dec qtr 99	3 423.1	2.3	6.6	10 413.6	0.2	5.1
Room occupancy rate	%	Dec qtr 99	60.9	-0.3	1.8	59.7	-1.8	0.5
Takings	\$'000	Dec qtr 99	395 165	5.4	10.0	1 112 447	3.2	6.6

(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).

15 ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS(a) SYDNEY AND NSW—ORIGINAL

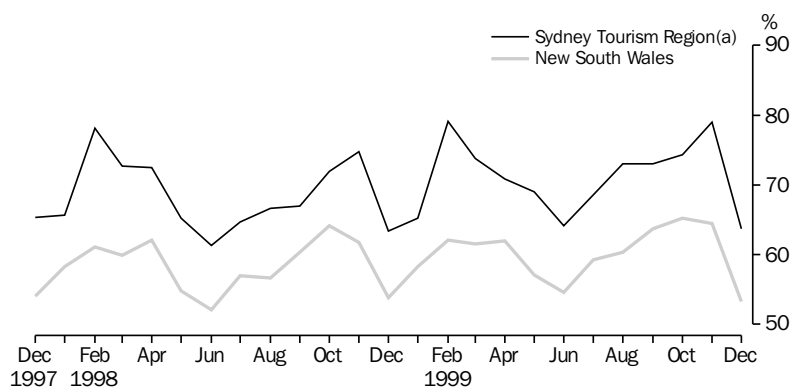
	Sydney Tourism Region(b)			New South Wales		
	Room nights	Room occupancy rate	Takings	Room nights	Room occupancy rate	Takings
	'000	%	\$'000	'000	%	\$'000
1998						
September qtr	1 640.0	66.1	222 944	3 077.3	57.9	342 102
December qtr	1 777.0	70.0	246 125	3 210.5	59.8	359 172
1999						
March qtr	1 828.8	72.5	248 997	3 213.2	60.6	360 674
June qtr	1 731.3	68.0	226 273	3 099.9	57.9	332 669
September qtr	1 865.9	71.6	247 543	3 345.0	61.1	375 014
December qtr	1 962.5	72.3	276 165	3 423.1	60.9	395 165

(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).

16 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).

17 CONSUMER AND PRODUCER PRICE INDEXES—NSW AND AUSTRALIA

	Unit	Latest period	New South Wales(a)			Australia(b)		
			Latest figure	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	Mar qtr 2000	125.8	0.9	2.6	125.2	0.9	2.8
Price index of materials used in house building (all groups)	1989–90 =100.0	Mar qtr 2000	128.0	2.9	4.9	123.8	1.9	3.6
Price index of materials used in building other than house building (all groups)	1989–90 =100.0	Mar qtr 2000	116.4	1.0	1.0	116.4	0.9	1.0

(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).

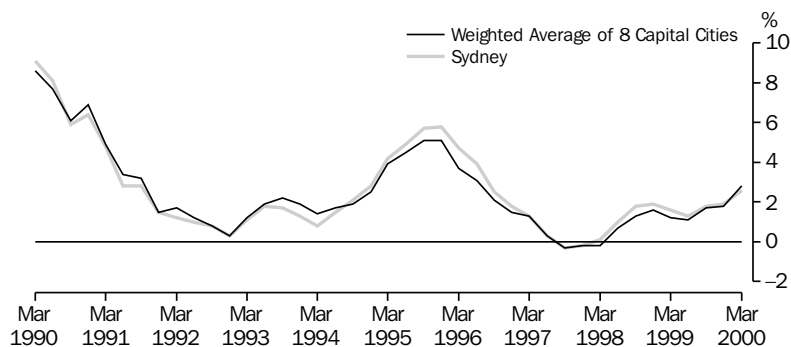
18 CONSUMER AND PRODUCER PRICE INDEXES—NSW(a)

	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			
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
September qtr	124.1	123.7	115.1
December qtr	124.7	124.4	115.3
2000			
March qtr	125.8	128.0	116.4

(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).

19 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE



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

20 SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS TO INDIVIDUALS FOR OWNER OCCUPATION—NSW AND AUSTRALIA

	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	%	%
Lending commitments for the construction or purchase of dwellings							
Construction of dwellings	Mar 2000	296	-8.5	-13.2	937	-6.8	-6.4
Purchase of newly erected dwellings	Mar 2000	104	0.2	-1.9	260	-3.6	-1.3
Purchase of established dwellings(a)	Mar 2000	1 951	10.9	12.0	4 579	5.8	10.2
Refinancing of existing dwellings	Mar 2000	490	15.7	20.3	1 173	10.5	18.1
Lending commitments for alterations and additions	Mar 2000	123	8.0	-2.2	306	7.5	-4.2
Total lending commitments to individuals for housing(b)	Mar 2000	2 840	8.8	9.4	6 949	4.3	8.4
Total lending commitments to individuals for housing (seasonally adjusted)(b)	Mar 2000	2 427	-10.4	9.6	5 973	-12.1	7.0

(a) Excludes refinancing.

(b) Excludes alterations and additions.

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

21 SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS TO INDIVIDUALS FOR OWNER OCCUPATION—NSW

	Lending commitments for the construction or purchase of dwellings					Total lending commitments to individuals for housing(b)	
	Construction of dwellings	Purchase of newly erected dwellings	Purchase of established dwellings(a)	Refinancing of existing dwellings	Lending commitments for alterations and additions	Original	Seasonally adjusted
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
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	21 923	..
1998-99	2 990	1 147	16 761	4 026	1 126	24 925	..
1999							
January	176	63	1 025	249	74	1 512	2 087
February	239	75	1 223	312	89	1 849	1 969
March	341	106	1 741	407	126	2 595	2 214
April	242	79	1 600	333	97	2 255	2 271
May	276	96	1 787	364	110	2 524	2 387
June	300	116	1 851	418	105	2 686	2 476
July	271	96	1 786	335	93	2 489	2 410
August	286	90	1 800	396	96	2 572	2 525
September	315	101	1 841	394	106	2 652	2 524
October	290	104	1 956	418	110	2 768	2 993
November	329	115	2 122	460	120	3 026	2 889
December	275	90	1 893	415	105	2 672	2 792
2000							
January	226	70	1 404	309	83	2 010	2 712
February	324	103	1 759	423	114	2 609	2 709
March	296	104	1 951	490	123	2 840	2 427

(a) Excludes refinancing.

(b) Excludes alterations and additions.

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

	<i>Preliminary Actual</i>	<i>Estimates</i>	<i>July–February</i>	
			<i>1998–99</i>	<i>1999–2000</i>
	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>\$m</i>
Current receipts—				
Stamp duties	3 947	3 747	2 566	3 002
Payroll tax	3 617	3 637	2 371	2 472
Land tax	958	859	278	170
Motor vehicle taxes	1 055	977	676	645
Gaming and betting	1 419	1 558	864	976
Commonwealth safety net taxes	1 975	1 989	1 324	1 360
Other taxes	1 251	1 245	805	854
Commonwealth general purpose grants	4 687	5 162	3 085	3 498
Commonwealth specific purpose grants	3 464	3 449	2 268	2 376
Dividends/tax equivalents	1 280	1 173	1 012	825
Other current receipts	1 316	1 256	772	782
<i>Total current receipts</i>	<i>24 969</i>	<i>25 052</i>	<i>16 012</i>	<i>16 960</i>
Current payments—				
Interest payments	1 393	1 124	821	596
Superannuation	1 499	1 640	977	1 082
Subsidies to non-budget sector				
Redundancies	n.a.	86	56	52
Services	n.a.	840	698	493
Total	990	926	754	545
Departmental payments				
Redundancies	n.a.	98	42	62
Health	n.a.	5 949	3 826	3 998
Education(a)	n.a.	5 440	3 537	3 594
Law and order(b)	n.a.	1 862	1 174	1 242
Community services	n.a.	1 253	815	839
Other	n.a.	6 105	3 645	3 849
Total	20 406	20 707	13 039	13 584
Treasurer's advances(c)	..	160	..	..
Less User charges	-2 092	-2 110	-1 345	-1 479
<i>Total current outlays</i>	<i>22 196</i>	<i>22 447</i>	<i>14 246</i>	<i>14 328</i>
Current result surplus/deficit(–)	2 773	2 605	1 775	2 632
Capital receipts—				
Commonwealth specific purpose grants	831	784	473	475
Other capital receipts	437	151	338	52
<i>Total capital receipts</i>	<i>1 268</i>	<i>935</i>	<i>811</i>	<i>527</i>
Capital outlays—				
Gross fixed capital payments	2 946	2 798	1 883	1 586
Capital grants	1 102	1 104	574	606
Less Asset sales	-597	-576	-394	-248
<i>Total capital outlays</i>	<i>3 451</i>	<i>3 326</i>	<i>2 063</i>	<i>1 944</i>
Capital result surplus/deficit(–)	-2 183	-2 391	-1 252	-1 417
Government Finance Statistics result surplus/deficit(–)	590	214	523	1 215

(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.

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

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

Type of asset	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	%	%
New buildings and structures	Dec qtr 99	891	-4.5	-17.9	2 809	-4.3	-24.0
Equipment, plant and machinery	Dec qtr 99	2 535	-1.0	-2.1	7 546	-0.7	-4.0
Total	Dec qtr 99	3 426	-2.0	-6.8	10 355	-1.7	-10.4

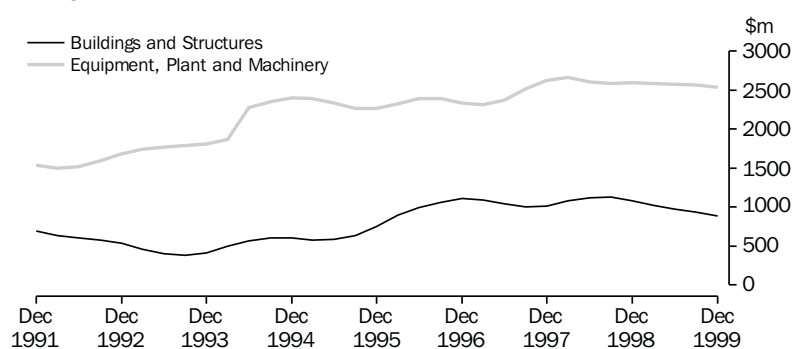
Source: State Estimates of Private New Capital Expenditure (Cat. no. 5646.0).

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

	Type of asset		
	New buildings and structures	Equipment, plant and machinery	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m
1998			
September qtr	1 126	2 589	3 715
December qtr	1 085	2 590	3 675
1999			
March qtr	1 026	2 589	3 615
June qtr	975	2 573	3 548
September qtr	933	2 562	3 495
December qtr	891	2 535	3 426

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

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



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

26 INTERNATIONAL TRADE, IMPORTS(a) AND EXPORTS(b)—NSW AND AUSTRALIA

	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	Mar 2000	4 341	17.0	15.4	9 654	12.0	11.0
Total overseas exports(c)	Mar 2000	1 615	6.6	8.4	8 354	7.0	21.1
Export commodities and SITC(d) code							
Meat and meat preparations (01)	Mar 2000	95	9.7	4.0	407	13.8	8.7
Cereals and cereal preparations (04)	Mar 2000	122	3.4	8.4	507	-6.1	11.6
Wool and other animal hair (268)	Mar 2000	77	6.9	40.2	263	-3.6	34.2
Coal, coke and briquettes (32)	Mar 2000	238	5.1	-22.2	731	22.5	-1.5
Iron and steel (67)	Mar 2000	78	29.4	-6.1	121	6.6	-19.0
Aluminium (684)	Mar 2000	132	8.3	23.4	385	9.6	21.0
Office machines and automatic data processing machines (75)	Mar 2000	44	27.6	49.3	67	31.5	14.9

(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.

27 INTERNATIONAL TRADE, IMPORTS(a) AND EXPORTS(b)—NSW

	Overseas exports of SITC(c) commodities								
	Overseas imports into NSW	Total overseas exports(d)	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
1997-98	38 481	19 678	923	1 588	1 061	4 048	1 167	1 224	522
1998-99	42 142	r 17 975	948	r 1 216	685	3 766	958	1 151	360
1999									
January	3 020	1 336	70	112	42	337	68	102	18
February	3 093	1 321	79	99	61	272	70	78	25
March	3 760	1 490	91	112	55	305	83	107	29
April	3 386	1 290	74	95	41	234	56	79	30
May	3 603	1 508	75	r 79	57	283	103	93	42
June	3 594	1 452	76	110	46	260	59	95	33
July	3 497	1 517	83	r 105	54	298	45	104	35
August	3 806	1 540	85	106	50	279	48	96	38
September	4 098	r 1 574	81	94	69	r 249	59	107	31
October	r 3 759	r 1 556	91	103	78	239	53	105	31
November	4 260	r 1 580	90	107	93	244	67	104	37
December	3 977	r 1 579	94	r 111	83	211	68	112	31
2000									
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(a) Figures shown are Customs value.

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

(c) Standard International Trade Classification Revision 3.

(d) Excludes re-exported goods.

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