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SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

n.a.	not available
n.y.a.	not yet available
*	subject to sampling variability too high for most practical purposes
..	not applicable
0, 0.0	nil, or rounded to zero

ROUNDING

Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

INFORMATION

All data in tables are original, unless otherwise stated. More detailed information on each series, including explanatory and technical notes, can be obtained from other Australian Bureau of Statistics publications or alternative data sources. To assist those seeking further information, each of the data series presented in the statistical and State summaries tables are referenced to the Publication Source Index at the end of this publication.

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OVERVIEW

The most recent economic indicator data for South Australia are provided below. Unless otherwise stated the data in the analysis are presented in trend terms.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

The value of South Australian merchandise exports in original terms for the month of February was \$505.1m. This is an increase of \$124.2m on the value for January exports and an increase of \$94.4m on February 1999.

The value of merchandise imports released from Customs control in original terms for South Australia was \$403.8m in February, including a record \$149.0m of machinery imports.

CONSUMPTION AND INVESTMENT

Following an easing of growth since August 1999, the trend estimate has been in decline in the last three months. This slowdown in retail turnover mirrors the national experience, both series recording the same rate of decline over the past three months. Retail turnover in February is 3.0% higher than the same time last year.

New motor vehicle registrations continued to rise in February 2000, to 4,034. Registrations of passenger vehicles increased (1.1%) while other vehicle registrations fell (1.9%), resulting in an overall increase of 0.6%. Despite this continued increase, new motor vehicle registrations for February 2000 were 3.9% lower than the level of 12 months ago.

Private new capital expenditure decreased 3.7% in the December quarter 1999 to \$542.0m and is 7.2% lower than the December quarter 1998. Expenditure on buildings rose by 3.6% while expenditure on equipment fell by 5.5% on the September quarter. In original terms private new capital expenditure for the quarter was \$539.0m.

PRODUCTION

The number of private sector houses approved increased 2.7% in February to 900 dwellings. This is 69.8% above the last low in December 1998 and is the fourteenth consecutive monthly increase. Total dwelling units approved increased 4.4% on January to 1,070. Increases totalling 72.6% have now been recorded since December 1998.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Consumer Price Index (all groups) in Adelaide increased by 0.5% to 125.7 in the December quarter of 1999, and by 1.7% over the level of twelve months ago. The main contributors to the recent quarterly growth were Alcohol & Tobacco (up 1.9%) and Housing (up 2.0%).

LABOUR FORCE AND DEMOGRAPHY

The number of employed persons in South Australia has been increasing since July 1998. The estimate for March (678,100) is 3.1% higher than the level of twelve months ago.

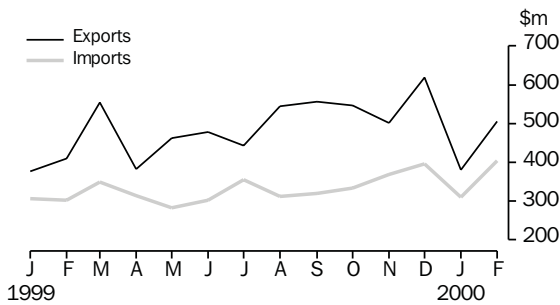
The estimated unemployment rate for South Australia was 8.1% (59,500 persons) in March, down from the 8.9% recorded in March 1999.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

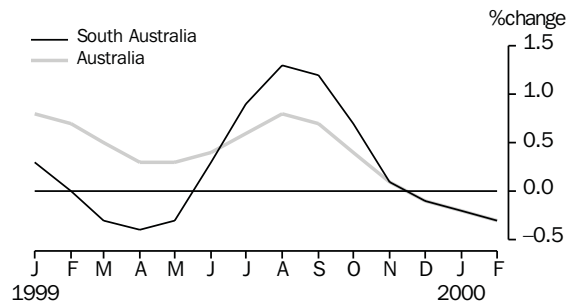
The value of secured housing finance commitments (excluding alterations and additions) increased to \$388m in February. This is a 0.3% increase on January and is 39.1% higher than February 1999.

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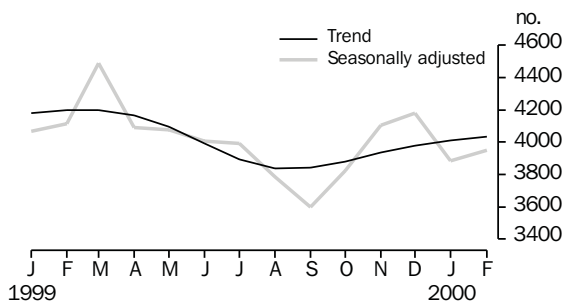
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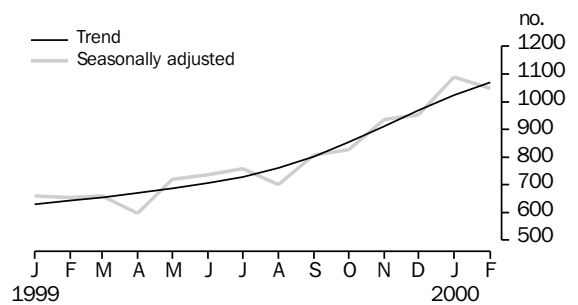
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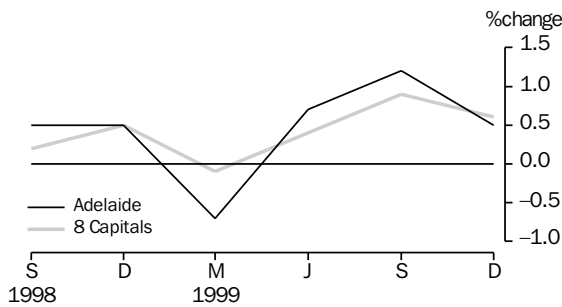
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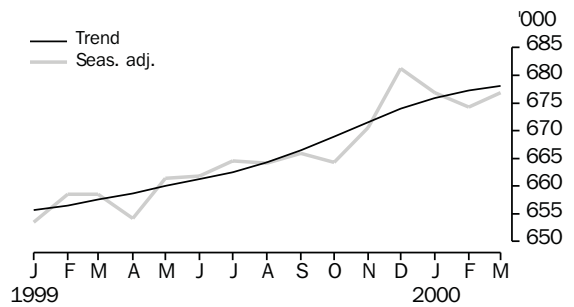
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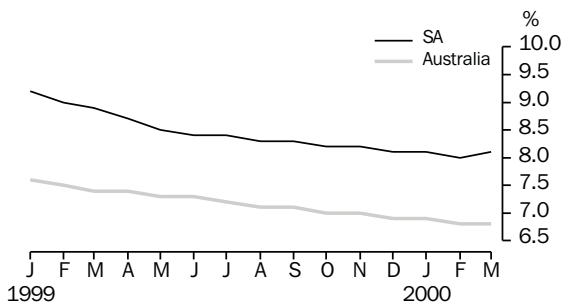
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX



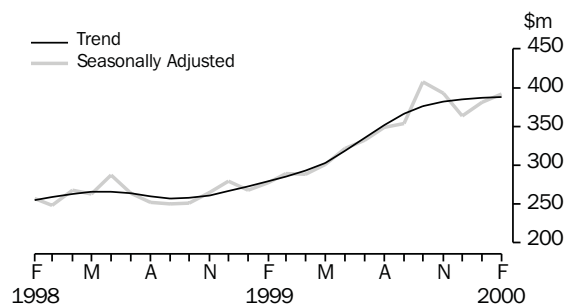
EMPLOYED PERSONS



UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: TREND



SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS (a)



(a) Excludes alterations and additions. Includes refinancing.

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Indicator	Period	South Australia			Australia			SA as a % of Aust.	Source index
		Number	% change from		Number	% change from			
			Previous period	Same period previous year		Previous period	Same period previous year		
State accounts									
Domestic final demand									
Current prices trend (\$m)	Dec qtr 99	11 119	2.5	7.7	157 532	1.2	5.4	7.1	(1)
Chain volume measures trend (\$m)	Dec qtr 99	10 836	2.0	6.5	154 655	1.1	4.9	7.0	(1)
Private final consumption expenditure									
Current prices trend (\$m)	Dec qtr 99	6 586	1.6	4.0	91 830	1.3	5.4	7.2	(1)
Chain volume measures trend (\$m)	Dec qtr 99	6 422	1.2	2.5	89 911	1.1	4.3	7.1	(1)
Private gross fixed capital formation									
Current prices trend (\$m)	Dec qtr 99	1 657	0.6	8.3	29 303	-0.9	0.6	5.7	(1)
Chain volume measures trend (\$m)	Dec qtr 99	1 627	0.2	9.4	29 145	-0.6	2.0	5.6	(1)
Compensation of employees									
Current prices trend (\$m)	Dec qtr 99	4 991	0.2	4.0	75 065	1.2	4.6	6.6	(1)
International accounts									
Exports (\$m)	Feb 00	505.1	32.6	23.0	7 768.1	21.4	33.2	6.5	(2)
Imports (\$m)	Feb 00	403.8	30.6	33.6	8 624.4	6.4	21.3	4.7	(2)
Consumption and investment									
Retail turnover									
Current prices original (\$m)	Feb 00	791.0	-6.6	6.8	10 871.2	-6.1	6.6	7.3	(3)
Current prices trend (\$m)	Feb 00	873.6	-0.3	3.0	11 929.6	-0.3	3.4	7.3	(3)
1997-98 chain volume measures (\$m)	Dec 99	2 877.3	17.4	3.5	39 475.7	16.6	6.8	7.3	(3)
New motor vehicle registrations									
Original (no.)	Feb 00	3 870	32.3	-1.4	62 225	23.8	3.1	6.2	(4)
Trend (no.)	Feb 00	4 034	0.6	-3.9	64 493	1.1	-2.9	6.3	(4)
Private new capital expenditure									
Current prices original (\$m)	Dec qtr 99	539	-13.8	-18.8	10 950	2.8	-8.4	4.9	(5)
Current prices trend (\$m)	Dec qtr 99	542	-3.7	-7.2	10 355	-1.7	-10.4	5.2	(5)
Private new capital expenditure (\$m)	1998-99	2 277	..	-28.7	44 607	..	-3.5	5.1	(5)
Takings, licensed hotels, motels, guest houses and apartments with facilities (\$m)	Dec qtr 99	51.0	15.9	2.4	1 112.4	3.2	6.6	4.6	(6)
Production									
Dwelling unit approvals									
Original (no.)	Feb 00	1 073	50.7	76.8	15 258	19.8	21.1	7.0	(7)
Trend (no.)	Feb 00	1 070	4.4	66.7	15 827	1.5	21.7	6.8	(7)
Dwelling units commenced (no.)	Sep qtr 99	2 153	17.9	8.7	42 042	10.4	5.8	5.1	(8a)
Value of non-residential building approvals (\$m)	Feb 00	43.3	134.1	-63.4	823.4	-6.6	-33.1	5.3	(7)
Value of total building activity									
Commenced (\$m)	Dec qtr 99	410.6	1.9	2.6	8 741.3	-6.6	4.4	4.7	(8)
Work done (\$m)	Dec qtr 99	415.1	-3.8	6.3	9 608.8	0.5	2.1	4.3	(8)
Work yet to be done (\$m)	Dec qtr 99	435.7	0.9	30.7	12 482.2	-2.9	-4.0	3.5	(8)
Value of engineering construction work done (\$m)	Dec qtr 99	294.2	-21.3	17.7	4 827.3	5.6	1.5	6.1	(9)
Manufacturing production									
Red meat (tonnes)	Dec qtr 99	46 644	11.8	-9.8	737 996	-1.4	-3.0	6.3	(11)
Mineral exploration expenditure (other than for petroleum) (\$m)	Dec qtr 99	6.7	3.1	-24.7	176.9	-1.8	-26.2	3.8	(12)

Indicator	Period	South Australia			Australia			SA as a % of Aust.	Source index
		Number	% change from		Number	% change from			
			Previous period	Same period previous year		Previous period	Same period previous year		
Prices(a)									
CPI—All groups (index no.)	Dec qtr 99	125.7	0.5	1.7	124.1	0.6	1.8	..	(13)
Price index of materials used in house building (index no.)	Dec qtr 99	126.0	0.4	0.6	121.5	0.8	1.5	..	(14)
Price index of materials used in building other than houses (index no.)	Dec qtr 99	115.4	0.2	-0.2	115.4	0.2	0.2	..	(15)
Price index of established houses (index no.)	Dec qtr 99	122.0	1.6	8.0	141.3	3.3	9.5	..	(16)
Price index of project homes (index no.)	Dec qtr 99	126.7	4.1	9	120.6	3.1	7.4	..	(16)
Labour force and demography									
Population (resident at end qtr) ('000)	Sep qtr 99	1 494.8	0.1	0.5	19 021.4	0.3	1.2	7.9	(17)
Short-term overseas visitor arrivals (no.)	Jan 00	9 740	-38.2	12.4	360 800	-21.7	2.8	2.7	(21)
Short-term resident departures (no.)	Jan 00	8 950	-25.9	-0.5	246 930	-20.2	6.11	3.6	(21)
Labour force									
Original ('000)	Mar 00	737.3	-0.5	1.6	9 650.1	0.3	2.3	7.6	(18)
Trend ('000)	Mar 00	737.6	0.0	2.2	9 613.0	0.2	2.2	7.7	(18)
Employed persons									
Original ('000)	Mar 00	677.6	0.7	2.8	8 950.0	0.5	2.9	7.6	(18)
Trend ('000)	Mar 00	678.1	0.1	3.1	8 962.0	0.2	2.9	7.6	(18)
Participation rate									
Original(b) (%)	Mar 00	61.3	-0.3	0.6	63.7	0.1	0.5	..	(18)
Trend(b) (%)	Mar 00	61.3	0.0	0.9	63.5	0.1	0.5	..	(18)
Unemployment rate									
Original(b) (%)	Mar 00	8.1	-1.2	-1.0	7.3	-0.2	-0.5	..	(18)
Trend(b) (%)	Mar 00	8.1	0.1	-0.8	6.8	0.0	-0.6	..	(18)
Job vacancies ('000)	Feb 00	5.6	-11.1	7.7	112.7	9.2	36.1	5.0	19
Industrial disputes ('000 working days lost)	Dec 99	1.0	-9.1	-78.3	40.9	-72.7	-19.8	2.4	(20)
Income									
Average weekly earnings (full-time adults; ordinary time)									
Original (\$)	Nov 99	705.70	0.5	0.5	763.20	1.5	3.0	..	(22)
Trend (\$)	Nov 99	707.30	0.6	1.1	762.00	0.9	2.8	..	(22)
Wage cost index (total hourly rate excluding bonuses)(c) (index no.)	Dec 99	106.8	0.8	2.9	107.0	0.6	3.0	..	(23)
Financial markets									
Secured housing finance(d) (\$m)	Feb 00	398.0	27.2	45.3	6 665.0	28.8	35.6	6.0	(24)
Finance commitments									
Personal (\$m)	Jan 00	216.2	-19.5	-8.6	3 367.8	-21.6	3.6	6.4	(25)
Commercial (\$m)	Jan 00	518.0	-23.5	67.2	12 690.8	-15.4	20.8	4.1	(25)
Lease (\$m)	Jan 00	10.2	-23.9	-53.4	491.4	-34.1	-9.6	2.1	(25)
Interest rates									
Banks new housing loans(b) (%)	Mar 00	..	..	..	7.30	0.00	0.80	..	(26)
Bank loans—small, medium business(b)(e) (%)	Mar 00	..	..	..	8.30	0.05	0.75	..	(26)
Bank loans—large business(b) (%)	Mar 00	..	..	..	8.75	0.00	0.80	..	(26)

(a) Base year of each index 1989-90=100.

(b) Change is shown in terms of percentage points.

(c) Base year of index Sep 1997=100.

(d) Excludes alterations and additions. Includes refinancing.

(e) Rate for business loans over \$50,000.

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STATE SUMMARY

Indicator	Period	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Source index
SELECTED INDICATORS										
CPI—All groups(a) (index no.)	Dec qtr 99	124.7	123.5	124.1	125.7	122.7	124.0	123.6	123.7	(13)
Participation rate trend (%)	Mar 00	62.3	63.0	64.9	61.3	67.1	59.0	68.7	72.7	(18)
Unemployment rate trend (%)	Mar 00	5.9	6.7	8.0	8.1	6.4	8.8	4.6	5.2	(18)
Average weekly earnings (full-time adults; ordinary time) trend (\$)	Nov 99	800.80	750.50	706.10	707.30	775.30	714.50	780.70	887.50	(22)

SELECTED INDICATORS PER HEAD OF POPULATION(b)

State final demand										
Chain volume measures trend (\$'000)	Dec qtr 99	8.3	8.1	7.6	7.2	8.2	6.6	10.4	15.8	(1)
Retail turnover										
Current prices original (\$)	Feb 00	587.5	544.9	574.3	529.2	601.6	540.9	587.2	680.6	(3)
Current prices trend (\$)	Feb 00	641.6	604.8	636.8	584.4	641.0	569.6	676.7	756.5	(3)
New motor vehicle registrations trend (no. per '000 population)	Feb 00	3.5	3.9	3.0	2.7	3.1	2.7	3.5	3.9	(4)
Private new capital expenditure										
Current prices trend (\$)	Dec qtr 99	532.9	588.6	499.8	362.6	768.7	231.8	1 349.2	283.2	(5)
Dwelling unit approvals										
Original (no. per '000 population)	Feb 00	0.653	0.976	0.775	0.718	1.056	0.357	0.868	1.075	(7)
Trend (no. per '000 population)	Feb 00	0.654	0.967	0.885	0.716	1.133	0.396	0.894	0.878	(7)
Secured housing finance(c) (\$)	Feb 00	405.8	316.9	299.5	266.3	444.8	151.0	330.8	437.6	(24)

PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS PERIOD

State final demand										
Chain volume measures trend (%)	Dec qtr 99	1.0	1.3	0.5	2.0	0.9	0.3	0.0	1.9	(1)
Retail turnover										
Current prices original (%)	Feb 00	-6.1	-6.7	-8.4	-6.6	-2.2	-1.5	-0.7	-3.5	(3)
Current prices trend (%)	Feb 00	-0.4	-0.7	0.1	-0.3	0.3	-0.3	0.2	0.8	(3)
New motor vehicle registrations trend (%)	Feb 00	0.5	1.9	2.2	0.6	-1.0	0.7	-1.2	3.1	(4)
Private new capital expenditure										
Current prices trend (%)	Dec qtr 99	-2.0	-1.8	0.3	-3.7	-3.3	-1.8	6.5	15.8	(5)
Dwelling unit approvals										
Original (%)	Feb 00	20.0	20.1	11.0	50.7	17.7	-7.2	47.4	34.7	(7)
Trend (%)	Feb 00	-0.1	2.6	0.5	4.4	0.0	3.9	6.0	5.2	(7)
CPI—All groups (%)	Dec qtr 99	0.5	0.7	0.1	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.6	1.1	(13)
Participation rate trend(d) (%)	Mar 00	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	-0.2	(18)
Unemployment rate trend(d) (%)	Mar 00	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	(18)
Average weekly earnings (full-time adults; ordinary time) trend (%)	Nov 99	0.8	0.9	0.2	0.6	1.6	1.1	1.6	3.0	(22)
Secured housing finance (%)	Feb 00	29.8	20.6	37.1	27.2	29.8	34.0	36.2	37.4	(24)

(a) Base year of index 1989-90 = 100.

(b) The latest quarterly estimate of Australian resident population has been used to calculate ratios for subsequent periods.

(c) Excludes alterations and additions. Includes refinancing.

(d) Change is shown in terms of percentage points.

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STATE ACCOUNTS AT CURRENT PRICES

Period	Final consumption expenditure		Gross fixed capital formation		State final demand	Gross State product (I)	Compensation of employees
	Households	General government	Private	Public			
ANNUAL (\$m)							
1996-97	22 996	7 439	5 755	1 444	37 634	36 967	18 139
1997-98	24 390	7 907	6 705	1 310	40 312	39 652	18 905
1998-99	25 534	8 017	6 173	1 374	41 098	40 573	19 284
QUARTERLY (\$m)							
1998-99							
September	6 284	2 078	1 584	264	10 210	n.a.	4 785
December	6 693	2 218	1 721	318	10 951	n.a.	4 922
March	6 128	1 995	1 365	346	9 833	n.a.	4 715
June	6 254	2 209	1 496	445	10 403	n.a.	4 939
1999-00							
September	6 484	2 353	1 859	331	11 028	n.a.	5 012
December	6 981	2 482	1 657	408	11 527	n.a.	5 137

Source: Australian National Accounts: Quarterly State Details (Cat. no. 5206.0.40.001), and Australian National Accounts: State Accounts (Cat. no. 5220.0).

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STATE ACCOUNTS AT CHAIN VOLUME MEASURES(a)

Period	Final consumption expenditure		Gross fixed capital formation		State final demand	Gross State product (I)
	Households	General government	Private	Public		
ANNUAL (\$m)						
1996-97	23 248	7 513	5 824	1 439	38 020	37 264
1997-98	24 390	7 907	6 714	1 309	40 320	39 652
1998-99	25 200	7 841	6 066	1 386	40 493	40 493
QUARTERLY (\$m)						
1998-99						
September	6 229	2 042	1 547	265	10 084	n.a.
December	6 615	2 182	1 683	321	10 801	n.a.
March	6 055	1 929	1 337	350	9 671	n.a.
June	6 134	2 157	1 486	451	10 229	n.a.
1999-00						
September	6 331	2 276	1 838	341	10 786	n.a.
December	6 827	2 397	1 625	420	11 269	n.a.

(a) Reference year for chain volume measures is 1996-97.

Source: Australian National Accounts: Quarterly State Details (Cat. no. 5206.0.40.001), and Australian National Accounts: State Accounts (Cat. no. 5220.0).

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MERCHANDISE EXPORTS, BY SELECTED COMMODITY GROUP(a)

<i>Period</i>	<i>Meat and meat preparations</i>	<i>Cereals and cereal preparations(b)</i>	<i>Wine</i>	<i>Wool and sheepskins</i>	<i>Machinery</i>	<i>Metals and metal manufactures</i>	<i>Fish and crustaceans</i>	<i>Road vehicles, parts and accessories</i>	<i>Petroleum and petroleum products</i>	<i>Total</i>
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
1996-97	182 478	745 227	397 949	260 974	378 923	542 204	191 093	655 881	286 458	5 009 345
1997-98	218 252	762 415	564 083	287 824	401 749	574 407	236 353	479 396	237 824	4 986 705
1998-99	198 541	837 795	693 728	212 226	385 167	543 675	252 592	651 949	154 425	5 332 765
1998-99										
September	17 730	84 104	70 084	21 737	30 230	39 773	28 826	82 634	12 086	478 594
October	20 302	57 758	72 262	23 109	28 835	39 298	16 321	45 615	19 012	420 864
November	23 420	34 771	40 014	23 410	33 813	44 046	15 738	76 332	8 740	402 170
December	21 990	118 841	48 409	21 800	39 439	46 039	18 732	72 038	22 904	517 569
January	12 512	139 418	39 131	10 991	20 713	32 232	20 641	17 334	3 544	376 791
February	19 308	65 133	50 984	18 309	29 483	47 209	20 912	23 346	8 932	410 687
March	17 378	73 094	66 841	16 754	29 519	58 757	18 415	102 037	11 714	553 810
April	12 617	38 467	56 286	10 319	41 314	39 915	20 369	26 728	4 080	382 320
May	16 087	42 140	69 509	20 656	34 714	57 271	20 328	28 067	19 003	461 901
June	13 274	49 128	77 522	13 202	29 477	50 927	17 824	90 638	14 832	478 816
1999-00										
July	11 764	32 723	56 428	10 288	29 602	53 204	30 310	41 016	16 088	441 950
August	7 777	39 196	78 607	12 680	27 065	61 879	81 050	97 193	2 428	543 370
September	10 284	56 982	95 099	15 114	37 265	57 003	57 030	59 781	17 842	556 516
October	12 408	56 446	91 599	16 327	29 985	69 728	28 318	65 627	28 792	546 838
November	13 487	11 497	50 448	16 631	31 153	70 072	26 161	141 558	3 439	501 986
December	12 110	75 739	47 958	13 484	26 870	71 545	21 109	179 284	19 102	617 909
January	11 574	44 462	43 426	9 871	20 512	49 304	24 680	24 448	17 151	380 965
February	15 050	46 791	58 039	13 794	26 235	77 164	19 420	44 790	27 763	505 128

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Source: Unpublished data, *International Merchandise Trade*.

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MERCHANDISE EXPORTS, BY SELECTED COUNTRIES

Period	European Union					East Asia				
	Unites States of America	Middle East	United Kingdom	Total European Union	New Zealand	Japan	China	Hong Kong	ASEAN	Total East Asia
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
1996-97	707 871	563 409	304 645	641 308	382 103	611 870	244 917	234 547	615 943	2 030 435
1997-98	632 203	389 766	424 251	849 932	354 698	612 475	331 489	239 652	491 573	2 023 385
1998-99	705 166	640 412	476 340	928 468	385 979	625 530	302 776	219 536	432 730	1 898 837
1998-99										
September	87 466	53 605	47 456	82 522	31 939	72 491	26 358	16 476	24 026	161 882
October	39 435	43 420	50 012	84 179	31 291	41 429	33 269	20 642	29 472	145 414
November	85 490	33 540	23 911	43 607	29 400	33 475	39 460	19 539	41 004	163 881
December	72 375	108 902	31 536	82 608	31 220	52 344	17 915	25 466	39 024	172 897
January	25 730	91 222	27 983	62 250	20 730	26 002	31 133	16 119	19 791	114 037
February	33 065	39 031	32 558	78 213	29 348	52 745	20 986	21 834	35 769	157 442
March	83 983	87 010	48 802	96 079	33 829	62 499	29 294	17 954	47 444	189 083
April	45 095	34 532	36 364	73 442	29 851	33 779	17 751	15 279	41 873	133 758
May	50 172	41 235	44 124	95 851	31 605	73 576	29 447	16 125	35 990	189 921
June	98 299	38 031	49 708	80 488	47 036	54 060	22 775	13 782	47 319	159 292
1999-00										
July	54 593	31 570	39 127	80 383	39 266	72 253	16 859	15 394	27 998	162 944
August	87 288	50 910	58 622	101 012	46 388	104 011	18 156	13 326	36 480	202 371
September	57 055	41 511	73 174	112 056	44 227	94 402	31 426	22 587	43 854	214 622
October	46 361	80 029	78 330	117 634	49 617	62 459	32 529	25 385	39 994	203 053
November	101 454	82 481	33 828	67 501	40 206	36 313	31 053	22 591	46 758	169 785
December	147 864	130 968	36 559	76 364	37 376	40 166	14 515	27 085	40 709	171 093
January	39 804	53 069	30 352	63 791	21 875	37 311	19 993	28 891	25 167	142 077
February	54 994	71 079	42 063	72 119	44 855	47 811	50 833	20 281	38 203	214 963

Source: Unpublished data, International Merchandise Trade.

Period	Manufacturing								Total
	Agriculture, forestry and fishing(b)	Mining	Food, beverages and tobacco	Petroleum, coal, chemical associated product	Metal product	Machinery and equipment	Other manu- facturing	Other industries/ confidential	
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
1996-97	1 067 084	202 162	981 918	290 361	569 679	1 140 136	226 780	531 226	5 009 345
1997-98	1 188 938	137 851	1 205 265	292 175	615 344	994 597	262 815	289 719	4 986 705
1998-99	1 260 738	73 125	1 282 013	285 053	581 372	1 172 827	264 973	412 663	5 332 765
1998-99									
September	115 557	1 066	117 539	26 209	40 577	121 841	21 894	33 912	478 594
October	90 916	9 066	123 467	27 700	41 345	85 160	21 252	21 958	420 864
November	67 563	14 644	90 065	19 311	48 123	123 238	20 329	18 896	402 170
December	151 283	7 760	104 117	32 699	51 955	120 478	22 841	26 435	517 569
January	164 950	1 112	78 750	13 057	33 004	46 344	18 209	21 366	376 791
February	121 576	9 484	102 252	19 255	49 565	63 078	21 822	23 655	410 687
March	121 061	511	114 334	23 276	63 539	145 445	30 604	55 041	553 810
April	62 407	7 741	105 733	14 469	41 171	79 437	26 041	45 321	382 320
May	86 206	8 781	122 596	30 879	61 320	72 831	24 787	54 501	461 901
June	74 256	3 320	122 939	26 617	54 826	132 292	19 834	44 733	478 816
1999-00									
July	63 729	7 380	120 642	26 813	54 441	84 369	19 700	64 876	441 950
August	67 671	9 096	118 366	14 845	63 726	139 117	23 206	107 342	543 370
September	74 415	1 155	168 993	30 754	60 553	115 328	20 172	85 146	556 516
October	85 540	30 427	143 971	29 011	71 232	110 761	24 347	51 548	546 838
November	41 532	7 771	96 617	16 148	72 647	186 087	22 701	58 485	501 986
December	102 241	23 130	87 054	34 287	75 511	220 529	20 631	54 524	617 909
January	81 449	1 897	91 876	26 219	50 523	54 571	17 644	56 785	380 965
February	79 168	20 895	109 086	40 197	80 900	86 286	20 453	68 142	505 128

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Source: Unpublished data, *International Merchandise Trade*.

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MERCHANDISE IMPORTS, BY SELECTED COMMODITY GROUP(a)

<i>Period</i>	<i>Food, beverages and tobacco</i>	<i>Petroleum and petroleum products</i>	<i>Chemicals</i>	<i>Textiles</i>	<i>Metals and metal manufactures</i>	<i>Machinery</i>	<i>Road vehicle parts and accessories</i>	<i>Other manufactured goods</i>	<i>Total</i>
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
1996-97	136 695	505 633	225 187	79 708	223 259	868 346	538 690	695 238	3 413 043
1997-98	148 771	445 218	274 741	93 815	280 562	1 061 260	772 203	739 266	3 940 198
1998-99	162 784	271 492	281 097	96 052	264 732	917 879	812 096	765 643	3 716 152
1998-99									
September	14 111	12 616	22 609	8 647	25 446	73 876	63 421	63 209	292 070
October	15 828	11 640	18 150	9 116	23 219	82 586	78 648	59 588	310 764
November	15 327	36 487	23 598	7 876	21 420	75 548	70 427	71 943	334 583
December	13 026	16 970	18 804	6 467	19 204	75 018	64 460	59 286	283 700
January	12 745	17 413	35 290	6 819	21 549	79 714	58 788	59 244	306 685
February	11 547	31 555	29 787	7 365	19 645	64 860	68 686	56 383	302 155
March	16 139	26 963	29 953	7 757	23 301	71 981	77 956	79 638	348 969
April	12 634	25 605	34 572	8 490	22 564	67 602	73 535	57 729	314 900
May	9 387	27 892	24 936	8 295	18 148	75 202	49 320	55 967	283 113
June	12 748	22 304	15 461	7 490	19 168	72 618	67 354	71 583	301 272
1999-00									
July	14 835	58 324	16 552	8 454	19 097	82 015	78 647	64 793	355 421
August	12 100	27 827	14 014	8 245	19 964	80 979	72 125	65 350	311 678
September	15 546	92	17 923	8 064	20 812	104 087	68 466	73 988	320 344
October	16 262	42 269	14 472	7 989	19 249	81 573	71 316	69 205	332 726
November	19 698	81 584	18 586	7 806	20 635	75 748	59 410	73 488	369 549
December	15 031	73 789	25 747	6 381	22 494	120 732	49 074	69 825	395 214
January	11 042	40 216	27 764	6 948	20 703	71 581	56 368	61 693	309 246
February	13 633	36 312	17 351	7 363	22 138	148 993	62 560	74 509	403 789

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Source: Unpublished data, *International Merchandise Trade*.

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TURNOVER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS, BY INDUSTRY—TREND

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
1998-99								
December	392.5	91.3	45.5	83.5	31.8	78.6	124.6	846.3
January	395.0	91.5	45.8	83.6	27.3	79.3	124.4	848.7
February	395.5	91.6	46.5	83.3	27.6	79.5	125.3	848.4
March	394.3	91.3	47.3	82.7	27.6	79.5	126.7	845.8
April	382.3	91.0	48.3	82.3	27.6	79.5	127.8	842.4
May	380.5	90.8	49.2	82.7	27.5	79.7	128.4	840.2
June	380.3	91.1	49.9	84.3	27.4	80.4	128.9	842.4
1999-00								
July	381.8	91.8	50.7	86.7	27.7	81.6	129.9	849.8
August	384.6	92.8	51.6	89.4	28.3	83.4	131.3	860.9
September	386.9	93.6	52.1	91.3	28.9	85.4	133.1	871.2
October	387.7	93.8	51.9	92.4	29.2	87.0	135.1	877.0
November	386.9	93.4	51.1	92.7	29.1	88.1	137.1	878.2
December	385.8	92.7	49.9	92.7	28.7	88.9	139.0	877.5
January	384.6	91.9	48.5	92.5	28.1	89.4	140.9	876.0
February	383.3	91.0	47.2	92.2	27.5	89.6	142.9	873.6

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

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NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS, BY TYPE OF VEHICLE

Period	Original			Seasonally adjusted			Trend estimate		
	Passenger vehicles	Other vehicles	Total	Passenger vehicles	Other vehicles	Total	Passenger vehicles	Other vehicles	Total
1998-99									
December	3 624	718	4 342	3 513	664	4 177	3 531	638	4 169
January	2 603	442	3 045	3 452	613	4 065	3 561	619	4 180
February	3 355	568	3 923	3 507	607	4 114	3 594	603	4 197
March	4 165	644	4 809	3 927	562	4 489	3 600	598	4 198
April	3 256	559	3 815	3 488	601	4 089	3 564	603	4 167
May	3 294	672	3 966	3 459	619	4 078	3 476	620	4 096
June	3 838	856	4 694	3 386	621	4 007	3 347	646	3 993
1999-00									
July	3 429	689	4 118	3 274	718	3 992	3 222	671	3 893
August	3 149	702	3 851	3 047	741	3 788	3 148	689	3 837
September	3 120	531	3 651	3 039	559	3 598	3 146	694	3 840
October	2 983	676	3 659	3 027	797	3 824	3 195	686	3 881
November	3 656	679	4 335	3 423	684	4 107	3 261	673	3 934
December	3 729	694	4 423	3 553	627	4 180	3 322	657	3 979
January	2 462	464	2 926	3 265	617	3 882	3 368	641	4 009
February	3 269	599	3 868	3 315	635	3 950	3 405	629	4 034

Source: New Motor Vehicles Registrations, Australia, Preliminary (Cat. no. 9301.0) and unpublished data.

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ACTUAL PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, BY SELECTED INDUSTRY AND TYPE OF ASSET

Period	Industry			Total	Type of asset	
	Mining	Manufacturing	Other selected industries		New buildings and structures	Equipment, plant and machinery
ANNUAL (\$m)						
1996-97	489	840	1 251	2 580	595	1 985
1997-98	1 366	820	1 006	3 192	792	2 400
1998-99	508	776	992	2 277	529	1 747
QUARTERLY, ORIGINAL (\$m)						
1998-99						
September	125	153	326	603	158	445
December	150	248	266	664	171	493
March	98	187	220	505	97	407
June	136	188	180	504	103	401
1999-00						
September	71	163	391	625	125	500
December	49	238	252	539	121	418
QUARTERLY, TREND (\$m)						
1998-99						
September	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	673	186	487
December	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	584	144	440
March	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	554	117	437
June	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	563	112	451
1999-00						
September	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	563	112	451
December	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	542	116	426

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

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TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

Period	Hotels with facilities				Motels and guesthouses				Serviced apartments			
	Estab-lish-ments	Guest rooms	Room occu-pancy	Takings	Estab-lish-ments	Guest rooms	Room occu-pancy	Takings	Estab-lish-ments	Guest rooms	Room occu-pancy	Takings
	no.	no.	%	\$'000	no.	no.	%	\$'000	no.	no.	%	\$'000
1997-98												
December	61	3 855	61.3	22 156	151	5 225	57.9	19 960	17	626	67.3	3 269
March	59	3 808	60.1	20 851	149	5 181	57.4	19 247	19	726	67.6	3 913
June	61	4 048	53.6	19 048	147	5 136	52.8	17 773	19	750	59.4	3 551
1998-99												
September	61	4 048	57.2	21 068	146	5 112	51.7	17 805	19	740	56.3	3 667
December	61	4 053	63.0	24 954	146	5 135	58.1	19 990	22	888	66.0	4 884
March	61	4 053	59.6	22 181	145	5 119	55.3	18 793	22	888	65.8	4 516
June	62	4 095	58.6	22 362	146	5 189	51.5	18 140	22	889	54.1	3 947
1999-00												
September	62	3 988	58.0	20 959	146	5 175	50.7	17 812	23	1 084	60.2	5 265
December	62	4 090	61.6	24 619	146	5 166	55.1	19 928	26	1 207	61.5	6 462

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

Period	Houses		Total dwelling units		New residential building \$m	Alterations and additions to residential building \$m	Total residential building \$m	Non-residential building \$m	Total building \$m
	Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total					
	no.	no.	no.	no.					
ANNUAL									
1996-97	5 512	5 608	6 148	6 264	515.5	116.6	632.1	580.7	1 212.8
1997-98	6 187	6 380	6 997	7 215	630.2	127.8	758.0	602.2	1 360.1
1998-99	6 568	6 777	7 697	7 928	775.6	143.9	919.6	656.6	1 576.2
MONTHLY, ORIGINAL									
1998-99									
February	494	510	591	607	58.2	12.4	70.6	118.4	189.0
March	644	683	711	750	69.1	14.6	83.7	61.1	144.9
April	487	497	558	568	56.6	10.8	67.4	22.7	90.1
May	601	631	653	683	69.5	11.4	80.9	57.4	138.3
June	652	673	814	845	72.3	16.5	88.8	31.7	120.5
1999-00									
July	615	620	837	842	101.8	14.1	115.9	31.7	147.6
August	663	669	765	771	76.4	15.5	91.9	37.5	129.4
September	731	772	866	907	88.5	15.9	104.3	49.2	153.5
October	667	681	777	794	79.6	14.0	93.7	31.6	125.2
November	892	904	981	993	101.4	15.5	116.9	36.2	153.1
December	736	736	842	842	85.8	13.4	99.2	129.5	228.8
January	649	649	712	712	69.7	11.4	81.1	18.5	99.6
February	836	838	1 071	1 073	111.8	18.7	130.5	43.3	173.9
MONTHLY, TREND									
1998-99									
February	536	555	620	642	61.3	12.3	73.6	57.9	131.5
March	543	561	634	655	64.0	12.7	76.7	53.1	129.8
April	551	569	651	670	67.0	13.2	80.1	47.1	127.2
May	559	576	670	687	69.8	13.6	83.4	41.0	124.4
June	572	588	691	706	72.5	14.0	86.5	34.3	120.8
1999-00									
July	592	608	714	729	75.1	14.2	89.3	31.9	121.2
August	625	641	745	761	78.0	14.3	92.3	35.1	127.4
September	674	690	786	803	81.3	14.2	95.5	42.6	138.1
October	733	749	837	853	85.3	14.1	99.4	51.8	151.1
November	795	811	897	911	89.6	14.1	103.7	60.3	164.0
December	853	869	958	969	93.9	14.2	108.1	66.6	174.7
January	905	920	1 014	1 022	97.0	14.4	111.4	69.6	181.0
February	900	907	1 067	1 070	104.1	16.6	120.8	62.5	183.2

Source: Building Approvals, South Australia (Cat. no. 8731.4).

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BUILDING COMMENCEMENTS

Period	New houses		Total dwelling units(a)		New residential building \$m	Alterations and additions to residential building \$m	Non-residential building		
	Private sector no.	Total no.	Private sector no.	Total no.			Private sector \$m	Total \$m	Total building \$m
1996-97	5 057	5 112	5 727	5 789	496.3	116.9	423.4	568.7	1 181.9
1997-98	5 628	5 823	6 437	6 653	614.7	134.5	426.4	550.7	1 299.9
1998-98	6 091	6 296	7 186	7 416	771.3	139.7	400.1	623.7	1 534.7
1997-98									
September	1 354	1 402	1 489	1 541	131.9	31.6	84.5	112.3	275.8
December	1 531	1 588	1 841	1 906	179.8	33.8	139.2	174.1	387.7
March	1 409	1 436	1 617	1 648	150.1	38.7	68.1	95.2	284.0
June	1 334	1 397	1 490	1 558	152.9	30.4	134.5	169.1	352.4
1998-99									
September	1 563	1 610	1 927	1 980	184.7	35.0	89.5	131.1	350.7
December	1 644	1 699	1 891	1 965	231.1	34.3	94.6	134.8	400.2
March	1 293	1 326	1 612	1 645	171.6	32.7	145.6	235.5	439.8
June	1 591	1 661	1 756	1 826	183.9	37.8	71.0	122.9	344.6
1999-00									
September	1 741	1 781	2 103	2 153	250.0	42.6	83.4	108.7	401.2

(a) Includes conversions.

Source: *Building Activity, South Australia* (Cat. no. 8752.4).

VALUE OF BUILDING WORK DONE AND COMPLETED DURING PERIOD

Period	New houses		New residential building			Non-residential building		Total building		
	Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total	Alterations and additions to residential building	Total residential building	Private sector	Total	Private sector	Total
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
VALUE OF BUILDING WORK DONE										
1996-97	433.9	438.9	485.2	490.4	122.3	612.7	444.2	663.3	1 049.8	1 275.9
1997-98	522.9	535.7	590.4	605.4	131.6	737.0	538.9	685.0	1 259.3	1 422.0
1998-99	599.4	614.6	720.8	737.7	147.7	885.4	417.1	571.6	1 283.8	1 457.0
1997-98										
September	122.5	125.8	136.3	139.9	32.9	172.8	149.8	186.7	318.5	359.4
December	134.0	137.7	152.3	157.1	36.2	193.3	157.7	197.7	345.2	391.0
March	130.5	132.8	147.4	149.9	31.4	181.3	119.1	149.2	297.7	330.4
June	135.9	139.4	154.5	158.5	31.2	189.7	112.3	151.5	297.9	341.1
1998-99										
September	150.9	155.8	175.8	180.9	39.8	220.7	135.5	162.9	350.5	383.6
December	151.4	155.1	185.6	189.9	40.3	230.1	121.5	160.4	347.0	390.6
March	142.4	144.9	169.5	172.5	33.2	205.7	87.5	131.1	290.1	336.8
June	154.7	158.9	189.9	194.4	34.4	228.9	72.6	117.2	296.2	346.1
1999-00										
September	166.6	171.5	212.4	218.0	41.1	259.1	116.8	171.6	369.3	430.6
VALUE OF BUILDING WORK COMPLETED										
1996-97	408.9	414.1	461.8	467.1	123.6	590.7	328.2	584.3	911.8	1 175.0
1997-98	504.1	514.7	561.8	574.7	125.0	699.7	571.2	744.0	1 256.3	1 443.7
1998-99	600.6	614.8	700.0	715.2	153.2	868.4	505.3	639.4	1 356.8	1 507.8
1997-98										
September	118.3	120.5	130.5	132.7	34.3	166.9	68.9	102.6	233.1	269.5
December	148.3	151.6	168.9	172.8	39.2	212.1	310.5	369.2	517.7	581.2
March	112.2	114.5	126.4	129.3	26.9	156.3	81.7	124.3	235.0	280.5
June	125.3	128.1	136.0	139.8	24.6	164.4	110.1	148.0	270.6	312.5
1998-99										
September	148.1	152.4	161.1	165.8	36.1	201.9	68.2	106.7	264.9	308.6
December	168.4	174.1	190.2	196.1	49.3	245.4	174.9	203.3	414.1	448.7
March	145.1	147.6	180.1	183.0	36.7	219.7	161.3	207.4	377.8	427.1
June	139.0	140.7	168.6	170.3	31.0	201.4	101.0	122.0	300.0	323.3
1999-00										
September	148.6	153.6	169.6	176.3	38.0	214.3	67.1	97.3	274.0	311.6

Source: Building Activity, South Australia (Cat. no. 8752.4).

<i>Period</i>	<i>Pigmeat</i>	<i>Beef</i>	<i>Mutton</i>	<i>Lamb</i>	<i>Gas</i>	<i>Coal(a)</i>	<i>Sawn timber(b)</i>
	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>m MJ</i>	<i>tonnes</i>	<i>m³</i>
1996-97	29 842	85 478	51 778	34 890	76 495	2 633 820	333 691
1997-98	28 489	80 924	58 554	38 224	78 441	2 815 870	361 257
1998-99	30 864	62 266	48 029	44 172	86 228	2 686 069	374 590
1997-98							
December	6 301	22 324	16 769	9 963	18 997	610 208	83 957
March	6 731	21 110	20 144	10 561	18 098	718 990	89 540
June	7 923	18 786	10 752	11 106	19 404	733 804	96 223
1998-99							
September	6 782	15 160	10 348	10 738	23 573	748 575	95 339
December	7 269	17 609	15 737	10 997	19 718	671 040	94 578
March	8 031	14 780	14 029	10 101	19 343	826 095	88 282
June	8 782	14 717	7 915	12 337	23 594	440 359	96 391
1999-00							
September	7 294	17 107	5 654	11 492	22 162	783 227	111 075
December	7 504	18 395	8 713	11 941	20 992	684 296	93 802

(a) Data supplied by Flinders Power Pty Ltd.

(b) From Australian softwood logs only.

Source: *Livestock Products, Australia (Cat. no. 7215.0); Unpublished data, Manufacturing Production.*

<i>Period</i>	<i>Food</i>	<i>Clothing</i>	<i>Housing</i>	<i>Household equipment and operation</i>	<i>Transport- ation</i>	<i>Tobacco and alcohol</i>	<i>Health and personal care</i>	<i>Recreation and education</i>	<i>All groups</i>
ANNUAL AVERAGE (1989-90 = 100.0)									
1996-97	120.8	105.5	98.9	113.4	124.6	165.3	165.4	121.1	122.3
1997-98	122.7	105.7	90.7	113.7	122.1	169.3	165.4	124.7	121.6
1998-99	127.7	105.0	92.0	113.3	121.6	171.8	164.2	127.5	123.2
QUARTERLY (1989-90 = 100.0)									
1998-99									
September	125.9	105.3	91.2	113.7	121.8	170.7	171.8	125.9	123.0
December	128.2	105.4	91.9	113.9	121.3	171.4	170.9	126.5	123.6
March	128.0	103.7	92.2	112.3	120.9	171.8	156.6	128.6	122.7
June	128.8	105.7	92.8	113.2	122.4	173.3	157.5	128.9	123.6
1999-00									
September	129.7	104.8	95.0	112.5	127.8	174.4	157.6	129.8	125.1
December	130.4	102.5	96.9	112.7	127.4	177.8	157.1	129.8	125.7
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM SAME QUARTER OF PREVIOUS YEAR									
1998-99									
September	3.2	-0.1	-1.1	0.1	-1.1	2.1	8.3	1.8	1.5
December	5.1	-0.8	1.9	0.3	-0.8	1.5	4.1	2.3	2.0
March	4.1	-1.3	2.6	-1.2	-0.2	0.6	-6.7	2.5	0.8
June	4.1	-0.2	2.8	-0.6	0.5	1.6	-7.9	2.2	1.0
1999-00									
September	3.0	-0.5	4.2	-1.1	4.9	2.2	-8.3	3.1	1.7
December	1.7	-2.8	5.4	-1.1	5.0	3.7	-8.1	2.6	1.7
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER									
1998-99									
September	1.8	-0.6	1.0	-0.2	0.0	0.1	0.4	-0.2	0.5
December	1.8	0.1	0.8	0.2	-0.4	0.4	-0.5	0.5	0.5
March	-0.2	-1.6	0.3	-1.4	-0.3	0.2	-8.4	1.7	-0.7
June	0.6	1.9	0.7	0.8	1.2	0.9	0.6	0.2	0.7
1999-00									
September	0.7	-0.9	2.4	-0.6	4.4	0.6	0.1	0.7	1.2
December	0.5	-2.2	2.0	0.2	-0.3	1.9	-0.3	0.0	0.5

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

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ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION AND COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE

Period	Net migration			Total increase	Population at end of period
	Natural increase	Interstate	Overseas(a)		
1996-97	6 951	-4 628	3 104	5 427	1 479 680
1997-98	6 602	-3 254	3 390	7 638	1 486 418
1998-99	6 593	-2 869	2 932	6 656	1 493 074
1997-98					
December	1 650	-1 098	519	1 071	1 482 432
March	2 074	-591	1 291	2 744	1 485 206
June	1 471	-810	551	1 212	1 486 418
1998-99					
September	1 188	-422	778	1 544	1 487 962
December	1 775	-901	707	1 581	1 489 543
March	1 917	-682	1 149	2 384	1 491 927
June	1 713	-864	298	1 147	1 493 074
1999-00					
September	1 515	-600	784	1 699	1 494 773

(a) Includes category jumping.

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

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BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES

Period	Registrations			
	Births	Deaths	Marriages	Divorces
1996-97	18 576	11 625	8 003	4 362
1997-98	18 330	11 728	7 988	4 113
1998-99	18 277	11 684	8 033	4 201
1997-98				
December	4 539	2 889	2 680	1 058
March	4 599	2 525	2 405	1 016
June	4 479	3 008	1 824	1 005
1998-99				
September	4 648	3 460	1 294	1 053
December	4 545	2 770	2 499	1 085
March	4 490	2 573	2 471	929
June	4 594	2 881	1 769	1 134
1999-00				
September	4 722	3 207	1 259	1 058

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

Period	Employed full-time		Employed part-time		Total employed		Unemployed		Labour force	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
ANNUAL AVERAGE ('000)										
1996-97	320.8	150.5	48.6	140.7	369.4	291.2	42.1	27.5	411.5	318.7
1997-98	317.5	145.9	48.8	136.4	366.3	282.3	42.1	28.8	408.4	311.0
1998-99	319.4	148.1	49.2	136.2	368.6	284.3	40.2	26.6	408.8	310.9
MONTHLY, ORIGINAL ('000)										
1998-99										
January	315.4	147.2	49.5	131.2	364.9	278.4	45.4	29.5	410.3	308.0
February	320.7	150.6	51.1	134.4	371.8	285.0	40.6	28.3	412.4	313.3
March	322.9	147.4	48.0	141.1	370.8	288.5	38.6	27.7	409.4	316.2
April	316.4	149.2	50.9	138.6	367.4	287.8	35.2	24.0	402.5	311.8
May	318.6	152.9	53.7	132.8	372.3	285.7	36.6	27.2	408.9	312.9
June	319.3	146.3	55.9	141.8	375.3	288.1	31.0	25.0	406.3	313.1
1999-00										
July	320.3	152.1	53.7	137.4	374.0	289.5	30.7	23.6	404.7	313.1
August	315.4	151.1	56.0	137.4	371.3	288.5	36.5	24.5	407.9	313.0
September	317.6	150.9	56.6	144.0	374.2	294.9	34.1	26.4	408.3	321.3
October	313.7	153.7	59.4	138.8	373.1	292.5	37.4	25.0	410.5	317.5
November	317.5	153.7	55.0	146.7	372.5	300.4	34.4	21.5	406.8	321.9
December	326.8	160.3	59.7	145.3	386.6	305.6	35.0	24.2	421.6	329.8
January	317.4	147.6	56.7	144.4	374.1	292.1	36.8	24.9	410.9	317.0
February	328.4	154.9	52.6	136.7	381.0	291.5	38.1	30.4	419.2	322.0
March	327.6	152.5	55.8	141.7	383.4	294.2	33.0	26.8	416.3	321.0
MONTHLY, TREND ('000)										
1998-99										
January	319.3	147.6	49.8	139.0	369.1	286.6	40.5	25.8	409.6	312.4
February	320.1	148.2	49.8	138.5	369.9	286.7	39.4	25.8	409.3	312.5
March	320.9	149.1	49.8	137.6	370.7	286.7	38.0	25.8	408.7	312.5
April	321.3	150.0	50.3	137.1	371.6	287.1	36.7	25.8	408.3	312.9
May	320.9	150.8	51.5	136.8	372.4	287.6	35.5	25.8	407.9	313.4
June	319.7	151.3	53.2	137.0	372.9	288.3	34.9	25.8	407.8	314.1
1999-00										
July	318.2	151.8	55.0	137.5	373.2	289.3	34.6	25.8	407.8	315.1
August	316.8	152.3	56.5	138.6	373.3	290.9	34.7	25.7	408.0	316.6
September	315.8	152.6	57.7	140.2	373.5	292.8	34.9	25.3	408.4	318.1
October	315.9	152.8	58.2	142.0	374.1	294.8	35.1	24.9	409.2	319.7
November	317.1	152.7	58.3	143.4	375.4	296.1	35.1	24.7	410.5	320.8
December	319.3	152.6	57.9	144.2	377.2	296.8	34.9	24.6	412.1	321.4
January	322.0	152.4	57.1	144.5	379.1	296.9	34.6	24.7	413.7	321.6
February	324.8	152.3	56.1	144.1	380.9	296.4	34.3	25.0	415.2	321.4
March	327.5	152.4	54.9	143.3	382.4	295.7	34.2	25.2	416.6	320.9

(a) Population aged 15 and over.

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

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CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE, UNEMPLOYMENT AND PARTICIPATION RATES(a)

Period	Civilian population			Unemployment rate			Participation rate		
	Males aged 15 and over	Females aged 15 and over	Persons aged 15-19	Males all ages	Females all ages	Persons all ages	Males	Females	Persons
	'000	'000	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
ANNUAL AVERAGE									
1996-97	579.8	600.6	23.7	10.2	8.6	9.5	71.0	53.1	61.9
1997-98	583.9	604.5	23.2	10.3	9.2	9.8	70.8	51.5	61.0
1998-99	583.2	609.8	21.7	9.8	8.6	9.3	70.1	51.0	60.3
MONTHLY, ORIGINAL									
1998-99									
January	583.4	610.1	20.1	11.1	9.6	10.4	70.3	50.5	60.2
February	583.8	610.5	20.4	9.8	9.0	9.5	70.6	51.3	60.8
March	584.2	610.9	21.8	9.4	8.8	9.1	70.1	51.8	60.7
April	584.6	611.3	17.9	8.7	7.7	8.3	68.9	51.0	59.7
May	585.0	611.6	24.8	8.9	8.7	8.8	69.9	51.2	60.3
June	585.3	611.9	21.6	7.6	8.0	7.8	69.4	51.2	60.1
1999-00									
July	585.7	612.3	21.4	7.6	7.5	7.6	69.1	51.1	59.9
August	586.0	612.6	22.1	9.0	7.8	8.5	69.6	51.1	60.1
September	586.4	613.0	20.6	8.4	8.2	8.3	69.6	52.4	60.8
October	586.8	613.3	21.1	9.1	7.9	8.6	70.0	51.8	60.7
November	587.1	613.6	22.1	8.5	6.7	7.7	69.3	52.5	60.7
December	587.5	613.8	20.0	8.3	7.3	7.9	71.8	53.7	62.5
January	587.8	614.0	21.8	9.0	7.8	8.5	69.9	51.6	60.6
February	588.1	614.2	23.3	9.1	9.5	9.3	71.3	52.4	61.6
March	588.4	614.4	18.8	7.9	8.4	8.1	70.8	52.3	61.3
MONTHLY, TREND									
1998-99									
January	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	9.9	8.3	9.2	70.2	51.2	60.5
February	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	9.6	8.3	9.0	70.1	51.2	60.4
March	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	9.3	8.3	8.9	70.0	51.2	60.4
April	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	9.0	8.2	8.7	69.8	51.2	60.3
May	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8.7	8.2	8.5	69.7	51.2	60.3
June	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8.5	8.2	8.4	69.7	51.3	60.3
1999-00									
July	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8.5	8.2	8.4	69.6	51.5	60.4
August	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8.5	8.1	8.3	69.6	51.7	60.4
September	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8.5	8.0	8.3	69.7	51.9	60.6
October	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8.6	7.8	8.2	69.7	52.1	60.7
November	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8.6	7.7	8.2	69.9	52.3	60.9
December	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8.5	7.7	8.1	70.1	52.4	61.1
January	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8.4	7.7	8.1	70.4	52.4	61.2
February	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8.3	7.8	8.0	70.6	52.3	61.3
March	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8.2	7.9	8.1	70.8	52.2	61.3

(a) Population aged 15 and over.

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

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF EMPLOYEES

Period	Males			Females			Persons		
	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All males total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All females total earnings	Full-time adult ordinary time earnings	Full-time adult total earnings	All employees total earnings
ANNUAL AVERAGE (\$ per week)									
1996-97	678.20	735.10	636.90	575.10	589.40	408.70	644.30	687.20	529.80
1997-98	705.60	755.05	646.28	606.05	619.33	438.50	670.53	707.20	545.70
1998-99	741.20	797.55	678.28	627.93	647.28	464.35	699.13	741.70	575.23
QUARTERLY, ORIGINAL (\$ per week)									
1998-99									
21 August	737.50	785.60	670.40	623.50	636.30	462.10	694.70	729.60	569.60
20 November	745.20	811.60	679.00	631.50	652.90	471.50	702.50	752.00	580.30
19 February	739.90	796.20	677.40	632.00	651.90	466.50	699.60	742.30	574.90
21 May	742.20	796.80	686.30	624.70	648.00	457.30	699.70	742.90	576.10
1999-00									
20 August	742.70	792.00	669.30	631.20	655.70	451.20	702.00	742.20	560.40
19 November	745.30	805.60	697.40	638.70	663.40	453.80	705.70	752.70	572.80
QUARTERLY, TREND (\$ per week)									
1998-99									
21 August	734.30	788.10	668.30	627.90	643.90	463.80	694.90	734.60	570.10
20 November	742.10	799.50	678.50	628.80	646.60	468.70	699.40	742.20	577.90
19 February	742.90	800.30	678.50	628.70	649.70	465.30	700.40	744.40	575.80
21 May	741.30	796.60	677.30	628.80	652.20	458.10	700.30	743.60	570.40
1999-00									
20 August	743.40	798.10	684.00	632.30	656.70	454.00	702.90	746.30	569.70
19 November	748.50	804.20	696.50	637.90	662.30	453.00	707.30	751.90	573.30

Source: Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia (Cat. no. 6302.0).

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SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS(a)

Period	Original		Seasonally adjusted		Trend	
	Dwelling units	Value	Dwelling units	Value	Dwelling units	Value
	no.	\$m	no.	\$m	no.	\$m
1998-99						
December	3 151	294	3 083	279	2 949	267
January	2 392	216	2 964	268	2 998	273
February	3 019	274	3 045	277	3 050	279
March	3 718	344	3 134	289	3 107	285
April	3 162	290	3 138	288	3 166	293
May	3 237	301	3 226	301	3 238	303
June	3 592	342	3 335	321	3 341	318
1999-00						
July	3 397	319	3 502	332	3 474	335
August	3 419	331	3 561	349	3 616	352
September	3 545	349	3 573	354	3 742	366
October	3 708	370	4 106	407	3 833	376
November	4 310	422	4 038	393	3 885	382
December	3 924	390	3 786	363	3 909	385
January	3 154	313	3 806	381	3 915	387
February	3 976	398	3 904	392	3 910	388

(a) Excludes alterations and additions. Includes refinancing.

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

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FINANCE COMMITMENTS

Period	Commercial finance commitments			Personal finance commitments			Total lease finance commitments
	Fixed loan facilities	Revolving credit facilities	Total commercial finance commitments	Fixed loan facilities	Revolving credit facilities	Total personal finance commitments	
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	
1998-99							
December	305.8	268.2	574.0	119.0	155.1	274.2	17.4
January	189.3	120.6	309.9	119.0	117.6	236.6	21.8
February	288.2	199.0	487.3	122.3	133.2	255.5	19.3
March	489.8	390.3	880.1	147.2	174.1	321.3	24.6
April	268.6	459.1	727.7	113.0	138.9	251.9	32.8
May	272.4	202.3	474.7	120.9	131.5	252.5	39.3
June	356.6	382.2	738.9	135.0	140.7	275.7	40.6
1999-00							
July	253.4	261.8	515.2	122.6	132.1	254.7	23.4
August	412.9	255.3	668.3	124.3	127.6	251.9	26.6
September	265.9	206.5	472.4	126.6	140.0	266.6	19.8
October	325.5	209.8	535.3	125.0	128.0	253.0	14.7
November	289.4	221.8	511.2	128.9	151.3	280.2	12.7
December	380.7	296.0	676.8	124.7	143.8	268.5	13.4
January	272.3	244.8	517.1	122.6	94.8	217.4	9.9
February	271.0	314.7	585.7	139.6	120.8	260.5	17.4

Source: *Unpublished data, PC Ausstats*.

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