

# Western Australia at a Glance 2012



## ECONOMY

### IMPORTS AND EXPORTS

|                                    | 2009/10 | 2010/11 |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|
|                                    | \$m     | \$m     |
| Imports                            | 27 922  | 25 938  |
| Exports                            | 83 306  | 112 172 |
| <b>Imports from:</b>               |         |         |
| China                              | 2 819   | 3 269   |
| United States                      | 2 820   | 2 753   |
| Singapore                          | 2 524   | 2 464   |
| <b>Exports to:</b>                 |         |         |
| China                              | 30 772  | 47 240  |
| Japan                              | 14 246  | 20 716  |
| Korea, Republic of                 | 6 694   | 10 675  |
| <b>Major commodities exported:</b> |         |         |
| Iron ore                           | 34 111  | 57 177  |
| Gold bullion                       | 13 659  | 13 398  |
| Crude petroleum oils               | 8 810   | 11 056  |

## INDUSTRY

### RETAIL TRADE<sup>1</sup>

|   | 2009/10       | 2010/11       |
|---|---------------|---------------|
|   | \$m           | \$m           |
| Food  | 10 615        | 10 978        |
| Household goods                               | 4 807         | 4 900         |
| Clothing, footwear & personal accessories     | 1 904         | 1 830         |
| Department stores                             | 2 092         | 2 072         |
| Other retailing                               | 3 188         | 3 383         |
| Cafes, restaurants and takeaway food services | 3 482         | 3 967         |
| <b>Total<sup>2</sup></b>                      | <b>26 085</b> | <b>27 136</b> |

<sup>1</sup>Retail turnover in current prices, Trend.

<sup>2</sup>Component items may not sum to the total due to rounding.

### BUILDING

|  | 2009/10    | 2010/11    |
|--|------------|------------|
|  | no.        | no.        |
| <b>New residential building</b>                  |            |            |
| Approved   | 25 315     | 20 807     |
| Completed  | 22 229     | 24 255     |
| <b>Average value of new residential building</b> | <b>\$</b>  | <b>\$</b>  |
| Approved   | 249 283    | 271 754    |
| Completed  | 296 752    | 276 002    |
| <b>Total value of non-residential building</b>   | <b>\$m</b> | <b>\$m</b> |
| Approved   | 6 299.7    | 3 773.7    |
| Completed  | 3 846.5    | 4 514.5    |

### MINING

| Production <sup>1</sup> | 2009/10 | 2010/11 |
|-------------------------|---------|---------|
| Iron ore ('000t)        | 384 966 | 395 677 |
| Gold (t)                | 164     | 184     |

| Exploration expenditure | \$m     | \$m     |
|-------------------------|---------|---------|
| Minerals                | 1 244.1 | 1 590.1 |
| Petroleum               | 2 484.6 | 2 402.3 |

<sup>1</sup> Source: Western Australian Mineral and Petroleum Statistics Digest 2010-11, Department of Mines and Petroleum

### AGRICULTURE

| Crop production          | 2009/10 | 2010/11 <sup>1</sup> |
|--------------------------|---------|----------------------|
| Wheat for grain ('000t)  | 8 114   | 4 999                |
| Barley for grain ('000t) | 2 554   | 1 589                |

| Livestock numbers      | 2009/10 | 2010/11 <sup>1</sup> |
|------------------------|---------|----------------------|
| Sheep and lambs ('000) | 14 692  | 14 452               |
| Meat cattle ('000)     | 2 206   | 1 990                |

<sup>1</sup> Preliminary estimates

### TOURISM<sup>1</sup>

| Short term overseas holiday travel | 2009/10 | 2010/11 |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|
|                                    | no.     | no.     |
| Resident departures                | 624 570 | 715 596 |
| Visitor arrivals                   | 238 774 | 246 303 |

| Holiday arrivals - country of origin | %    | %    |
|--------------------------------------|------|------|
| United Kingdom and Ireland           | 21.9 | 20.5 |
| Singapore                            | 17.9 | 17.5 |
| Rest of Europe                       | 14.8 | 14.5 |

| Holiday departures - main destination | %    | %    |
|---------------------------------------|------|------|
| Indonesia                             | 41.6 | 43.0 |
| Thailand                              | 9.6  | 9.1  |
| Malaysia                              | 6.6  | 6.4  |

<sup>1</sup>By air

## ENVIRONMENT

### CLIMATE

|                              | Mean temperature |          |               |          | Mean annual rainfall |
|------------------------------|------------------|----------|---------------|----------|----------------------|
|                              | Summer (January) |          | Winter (July) |          |                      |
|                              | Max (°C)         | Min (°C) | Max (°C)      | Min (°C) |                      |
| Perth (Metro)                | 31.1             | 18.0     | 18.3          | 7.7      | 736.5                |
| Albany (Town)                | 22.8             | 15.1     | 15.7          | 8.1      | 928.8                |
| Broome (Airport)             | 33.3             | 26.3     | 28.8          | 13.7     | 606.3                |
| Bunbury                      | 29.7             | 15.4     | 17.2          | 7.1      | 718.2                |
| Esperance                    | 26.1             | 15.6     | 17.1          | 8.3      | 616.9                |
| Geraldton                    | 29.1             | 18.4     | 19.8          | 10.5     | 447.7                |
| Kalgoorlie Boulder (Airport) | 33.7             | 18.3     | 16.7          | 5.0      | 265.1                |
| Mandurah                     | 29.2             | 18.8     | 17.4          | 10.7     | 645.9                |
| Port Hedland (Airport)       | 36.4             | 25.5     | 27.1          | 12.3     | 315.5                |

Source: Bureau of Meteorology 2011, Perth, <<http://www.bom.gov.au>>.

### SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED

|     |                   |       |                   |
|-----|-------------------|-------|-------------------|
| 0°  | degrees Celsius   | na    | not available     |
| \$  | dollars           | %     | percent           |
| km  | kilometres        | sq km | square kilometres |
| mm  | millimetres       | '000  | thousand          |
| WA  | Western Australia | t     | tonnes            |
| \$m | million dollars   | no.   | number            |

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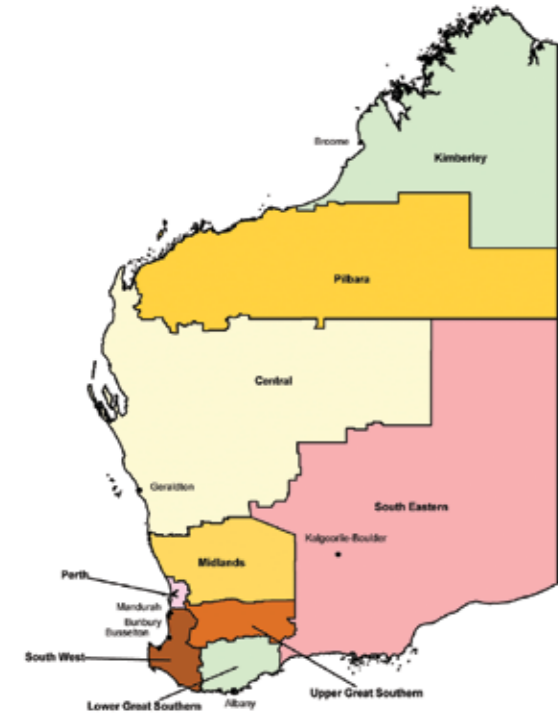
Western Australia had an estimated population of 2,346,410 in June 2011, accounting for 10.4% of Australia's population.

Western Australia has the largest land area (2,532,400 square kilometres) of any Australian state or territory. Its coastline of 12,500 km amounts to 34% of Australia's total coastline.

The State's capital, Perth, was founded on 12 August 1829 and the Perth metropolitan area contains almost three quarters (74%) of Western Australia's total population.

## WA IN RELATION TO AUSTRALIA

|   | % of Australian total |
|---|-----------------------|
| Area                                      | 32.9                  |
| Coastline                                 | 34.0                  |
| <b>Demography</b>                         |                       |
| Estimated resident population (June 2011) | 10.4                  |
| <b>Labour force</b>                       |                       |
| Employed persons (December 2011)          | 10.8                  |
| Unemployed persons (December 2011)        | 8.8                   |
| <b>International Trade (Value)</b>        |                       |
| Imports (2010-11)                         | 12.1                  |
| Exports (2010-11)                         | 45.6                  |



## PEOPLE

### ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION

|                   | 2010 <sup>1</sup><br>'000 | 2011 <sup>1</sup><br>'000 |
|-------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Males             | 1 161.8                   | 1 191.0                   |
| Females           | 1 128.8                   | 1 155.4                   |
| Persons           | 2 290.6                   | 2 346.4                   |
| 0-14 years        | 445.0                     | 453.7                     |
| 15-19 years       | 157.1                     | 157.6                     |
| 20-29 years       | 345.6                     | 357.8                     |
| 30-39 years       | 326.6                     | 331.5                     |
| 40-49 years       | 330.4                     | 337.0                     |
| 50-59 years       | 289.0                     | 296.0                     |
| 60-64 years       | 120.3                     | 125.8                     |
| 65 years and over | 276.6                     | 287.1                     |

|  | 2009 <sup>2</sup><br>'000 | 2010 <sup>1</sup><br>'000 |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|

| WA Statistical Divisions | 2009 <sup>2</sup><br>'000 | 2010 <sup>1</sup><br>'000 |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Perth                    | 1 658.5                   | 1 696.1                   |
| South West               | 246.1                     | 253.5                     |
| Lower Great Southern     | 58.8                      | 59.4                      |
| Upper Great Southern     | 19.2                      | 19.1                      |
| Midlands                 | 55.7                      | 56.4                      |
| South Eastern            | 58.7                      | 59.1                      |
| Central                  | 64.8                      | 65.6                      |
| Pilbara                  | 47.5                      | 48.6                      |
| Kimberley                | 35.0                      | 35.7                      |

<sup>1</sup> As at 30 June, preliminary estimates.  
<sup>2</sup> As at 30 June, revised estimates.

### DEMOGRAPHY

|           | 2009<br>no. | 2010<br>no. |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| Births    | 30 878      | 31 424      |
| Deaths    | 12 566      | 12 720      |
| Marriages | 12 184      | 12 684      |
| Divorces  | 4 767       | 4 835       |

| Crude rate (per 1,000 persons) <sup>1</sup> | 2009 | 2010 |
|---|------|------|
| Births                                      | 13.8 | 13.7 |
| Deaths                                      | 5.6  | 5.6  |
| Marriages                                   | 5.4  | 5.5  |
| Divorces                                    | 2.1  | 2.1  |

<sup>1</sup> Based on estimated resident population at 30 June.

### POPULATION CENSUS (PROPORTION OF WA TOTAL)<sup>1</sup>

|                              | 2001<br>% | 2006<br>% |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Birthplace</b>            |           |           |
| Australia                    | 67.7      | 65.3      |
| United Kingdom               | 11.1      | 10.6      |
| New Zealand                  | 2.5       | 2.4       |
| South Africa                 | 0.8       | 1.1       |
| Italy                        | 1.3       | 1.1       |
| <b>Religious affiliation</b> |           |           |
| Catholic                     | 24.8      | 23.7      |
| Anglican                     | 22.6      | 20.4      |
| Other religious affiliation  | 32.9      | 33.0      |
| No religious affiliation     | 19.7      | 22.9      |

<sup>1</sup> Based on place of usual residence.

### EDUCATION

|                           | 2010<br>no. | 2011<br>no. |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Full time students</b> |             |             |
| Government                | 233 839     | 236 387     |
| Non-government            | 124 530     | 127 331     |
| <b>Schools</b>            |             |             |
| Government                | 768         | 770         |
| Non-government            | 297         | 301         |

### AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS<sup>1</sup>

|         | 2010<br>\$ | 2011<br>\$ |
|---------|------------|------------|
| Males   | 1 507.40   | 1 670.80   |
| Females | 1 137.90   | 1 205.40   |
| Persons | 1 384.00   | 1 514.80   |

<sup>1</sup> Full time adult ordinary time earnings, August quarter. Trend estimates.

### LABOUR MARKET

|                                 | 2010<br>'000 | 2011<br>'000 |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Employed persons                | 1 223.8      | 1 240.0      |
| Unemployed persons              | 56.4         | 55.5         |
| Total labour force <sup>1</sup> | 1 280.2      | 1 295.5      |
|                                 | 2010<br>%    | 2011<br>%    |
| Unemployment rate <sup>1</sup>  | 4.4          | 4.3          |
| Participation rate <sup>1</sup> | 68.3         | 67.9         |
|                                 | 2010<br>'000 | 2011<br>'000 |

| Largest employing industries <sup>2</sup>       | 2010  | 2011  |
|---|-------|-------|
| Health Care and Social Assistance               | 121.2 | 139.0 |
| Retail  | 120.4 | 125.8 |
| Construction                                    | 136.4 | 119.9 |
| Mining  | 87.5  | 104.4 |
| Professional, Scientific and Technical Services | 93.7  | 97.0  |
| Education and Training                          | 97.7  | 90.1  |
| Manufacturing                                   | 84.9  | 90.1  |

<sup>1</sup> December, Trend estimates.  
<sup>2</sup> November quarter, Original estimates.

### HOUSEHOLD CHOICES RELATED TO WATER AND ENERGY

|   | 2009<br>% |
|---|-----------|
| <b>Proportion of all WA homes with:</b> |           |
| Rainwater tank                          | 12.7      |
| Bore access                             | 21.8      |
| Solar energy                            | 19.2      |
| Insulation                              | 71.7      |
| Airconditioning for cooling             | 79.0      |
| Clothes dryers                          | 56.4      |
| Dishwasher                              | 42.5      |
| All dual flush toilets                  | 87.0      |
| Two or more TVs                         | 58.8      |
| Two or more refrigerators               | 38.6      |

## ECONOMY

### STATE ACCOUNTS<sup>1</sup>

|  | 2009/10<br>\$m | 2010/11<br>\$m |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| Gross State Product                    | 180 821        | 187 117        |
|  | \$             | \$             |
| Gross State Product per capita         | 79 751         | 80 858         |
|  | %              | %              |
| <b>Largest contributing industries</b> |                |                |
| Mining                                 | 27.3           | 28.0           |
| Construction                           | 11.6           | 11.7           |
| Manufacturing                          | 6.2            | 6.2            |

<sup>1</sup> Chain volume measures

### HOUSE PRICE INDEX<sup>1</sup>

|                   | 2009/10<br>% | 2010/11<br>% |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Established homes | 10.1         | -1.1         |
| Project homes     | 1.7          | 2.5          |

<sup>1</sup> Percentage change from previous financial year.

### CONSUMER PRICE INDEX<sup>1</sup>

|                                  | 2009/10<br>% | 2010/11<br>% |
|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Food and non-alcoholic beverages | 1.1          | 5.9          |
| Alcohol and tobacco              | 8.9          | 4.1          |
| Clothing and Footwear            | -5.5         | 4.5          |
| Housing                          | 6.0          | 2.9          |
| Houshold contents and services   | 1.0          | -0.5         |
| Health                           | 4.4          | 4.2          |
| Transportation                   | 3.4          | 2.8          |
| Communication                    | -0.1         | 0.5          |
| Recreation and culture           | 1.2          | 0.0          |
| Education                        | 7.8          | 5.2          |
| Financial and insurance services | 4.8          | 3.9          |
| <b>All groups</b>                | <b>3.5</b>   | <b>3.0</b>   |

<sup>1</sup> Percentage change from previous financial year.