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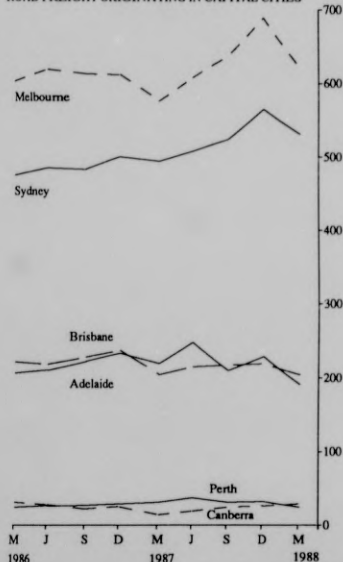
INTERSTATE ROAD FREIGHT MOVEMENT, AUSTRALIA MARCH QUARTER, 1988

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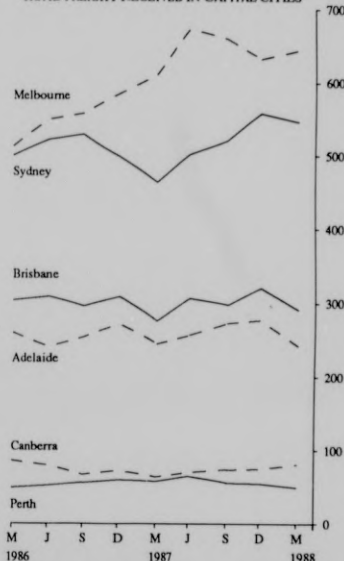
MAIN FEATURES

INTERSTATE ROAD FREIGHT MOVEMENT, AUSTRALIA Tonnes ('000)

ROAD FREIGHT ORIGINATING IN CAPITAL CITIES



ROAD FREIGHT RECEIVED IN CAPITAL CITIES



Total interstate road freight moved by major operators during March quarter 1988 (2,223,762 tonnes) was 6.1% lower than in December quarter 1987 (2,368,053 tonnes).

While this decrease is reflected across most of the major centres, Melbourne and Canberra recorded increases in road freight received. Canberra and other interstate showed increases in freight despatched. The March quarter 1988 figure (2,223,762 tonnes) is 4.3% higher than the March quarter 1987 figure (2,131,251 tonnes).

TABLE 1. FREIGHT MOVED INTERSTATE BY MAJOR FREIGHT FORWARDERS AND ROAD TRANSPORT OPERATORS BETWEEN SPECIFIED CENTRES, BY ROAD
(Tonnes)

Origin	Quarter—	Destination											Other Interstate	Total
		Sydney	Newcastle	Wollongong	Melbourne	Geelong	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Tasmania	Darwin	Canberra		
Sydney	1986-87—													
	December	..	..	..	207,303	2,652	121,425	63,771	18,701	2,304	2,642	39,808	41,737	500,343
	March	..	..	..	237,037	3,251	104,200	55,020	20,517	1,344	2,491	36,709	33,444	494,013
	June	..	..	..	245,513	2,668	104,437	58,220	17,559	1,634	2,582	40,295	34,974	507,902
	1987-88—													
	September	..	..	..	260,389	2,760	103,193	63,508	15,694	2,567	2,317	37,719	36,208	524,355
	December	..	..	..	276,494	2,962	115,119	69,026	17,870	3,012	3,885	38,005	38,966	565,339
	March	..	..	..	271,852	3,326	109,199	55,686	15,191	1,746	2,332	40,360	31,038	530,730
	1986-87—													
Newcastle	December	..	..	..	21,059	2,453	17,821	3,443	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	17,200	65,818
	March	..	..	..	17,318	4,324	16,708	3,830	n.p.	n.p.	69	n.p.	26,873	74,215
	June	..	..	..	15,231	5,726	14,946	2,941	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	16,724	63,292
	1987-88—													
	September	..	..	..	18,421	4,848	18,098	3,755	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	65,689
	December	..	..	..	24,157	4,780	19,675	4,567	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	31,560	87,918
	March	..	..	..	21,930	n.p.	16,885	3,671	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	11,057	59,913
	1986-87—													
Wollongong	December	..	..	..	36,543	58	3,426	3,061	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	1,342	9,168	55,680
	March	..	..	..	31,422	74	2,424	2,385	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	721	9,391	47,414
	June	..	..	..	42,324	n.p.	2,439	2,305	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	777	8,793	58,140
	1987-88—													
	September	..	..	..	47,734	n.p.	3,405	3,388	793	n.p.	656	917	8,986	65,903
	December	..	..	..	38,581	n.p.	3,288	1,914	153	n.p.	n.p.	760	7,798	53,063
	March	..	..	..	33,566	n.p.	2,283	2,290	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	1,047	n.p.	48,689
	1986-87—													
Melbourne	December	244,931	6,306	4,274	..	..	83,725	135,952	19,751	..	1,625	14,900	100,256	611,720
	March	236,758	5,870	4,170	..	..	76,894	117,092	16,391	..	2,031	9,853	106,913	575,972
	June	258,789	6,935	5,390	..	..	83,539	124,304	20,728	..	2,269	10,499	95,202	607,655
	1987-88—													
	September	273,791	7,945	n.p.	..	..	82,071	130,842	16,781	..	n.p.	18,309	100,250	636,940
	December	292,697	7,722	14,304	..	..	99,498	128,897	18,202	..	3,007	19,849	105,162	689,338
	March	293,665	6,697	4,239	..	..	90,540	110,396	19,077	..	1,310	18,351	77,128	621,403
	1986-87—													
Geelong	December	10,968	n.p.	n.p.	..	..	2,842	n.p.	n.p.	..	n.p.	n.p.	2,336	22,118
	March	11,840	n.p.	n.p.	..	..	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	..	n.p.	n.p.	3,272	23,050
	June	11,849	n.p.	57	..	..	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	..	n.p.	121	3,105	22,701
	1987-88—													
	September	12,884	n.p.	n.p.	..	..	3,023	4,033	n.p.	..	n.p.	n.p.	4,463	25,045
	December	11,902	355	n.p.	..	..	4,547	4,552	n.p.	..	n.p.	183	2,821	24,465
	March	12,713	351	n.p.	..	..	2,762	3,981	n.p.	..	n.p.	n.p.	4,618	24,803

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(Tonnes)

Origin	Quarter—	Destination												Other Interstate	Total
		Sydney	Newcastle	Wollongong	Melbourne	Geelong	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Tasmania	Darwin	Canberra			
Brisbane	1986-87—														
	December	83,494	4,846	1,637	47,447	n.p.	..	14,132	4,064	n.p.	5,056	5,700	67,403	236,630	
	March	72,479	4,537	492	41,282	n.p.	..	12,224	3,977	n.p.	4,064	4,903	56,974	203,768	
	June	77,962	2,601	665	42,889	n.p.	..	10,864	5,009	n.p.	5,211	7,148	59,933	214,911	
	1987-88—														
	September	84,024	2,665	931	44,342	n.p.	..	11,984	4,072	n.p.	n.p.	5,855	53,995	216,756	
Adelaide	December	85,171	2,516	1,014	43,091	n.p.	..	12,476	4,250	n.p.	4,532	4,954	58,227	219,217	
	March	82,861	3,336	633	41,916	n.p.	..	9,950	3,351	n.p.	n.p.	4,256	52,165	204,271	
	1986-87—														
	December	59,378	454	n.p.	95,240	n.p.	17,999	..	7,859	233	1,797	6,128	26,851	232,902	
	March	55,197	n.p.	301	85,974	n.p.	17,821	..	7,863	266	2,117	5,059	26,963	219,282	
	June	62,113	649	n.p.	102,199	n.p.	21,158	..	8,424	260	3,043	3,294	23,783	247,702	
Perth	1987-88—														
	September	50,155	604	n.p.	103,110	n.p.	14,187	..	9,969	733	3,999	4,190	21,935	209,535	
	December	51,568	884	n.p.	93,929	n.p.	15,551	..	8,141	905	n.p.	4,219	20,253	228,712	
	March	43,924	504	n.p.	96,100	852	14,923	..	7,804	384	n.p.	3,482	14,467	191,379	
	1986-87—														
	December	8,309	n.p.	n.p.	9,280	n.p.	3,301	5,158	..	n.p.	n.p.	208	n.p.	29,436	
Tasmania	March	7,655	n.p.	n.p.	9,625	n.p.	3,536	6,196	..	n.p.	n.p.	256	n.p.	30,995	
	June	8,698	136	54	8,854	n.p.	2,956	11,674	..	n.p.	n.p.	338	780	37,267	
	1987-88—														
	September	7,170	114	80	n.p.	n.p.	4,316	6,440	..	n.p.	n.p.	275	945	30,765	
	December	8,388	n.p.	n.p.	9,023	n.p.	3,810	8,456	..	n.p.	170	305	1,193	32,417	
	March	6,660	146	n.p.	6,794	n.p.	2,426	6,099	..	125	n.p.	249	776	23,957	
Darwin	1986-87—														
	December	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	..	..	n.p.	338	n.p.	..	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	
	March	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	..	..	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	..	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	1,602	
	June	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	..	..	n.p.	n.p.	181	..	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	1,674	
	1987-88—														
	September	715	n.p.	n.p.	..	..	n.p.	228	n.p.	..	n.p.	80	n.p.	1,787	
Melbourne	December	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	..	..	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	..	31	111	n.p.	1,831	
	March	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	..	..	n.p.	n.p.	76	..	n.p.	n.p.	76	n.p.	
	1986-87—														
	December	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	—	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	..	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	
	March	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	992	n.p.	n.p.	..	n.p.	n.p.	7,004	
	June	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	971	n.p.	n.p.	..	n.p.	n.p.	5,211	
Melbourne	1987-88—														
	September	646	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	1,189	1,122	n.p.	n.p.	..	n.p.	n.p.	4,536	
	December	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	..	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	
Darwin	March	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	..	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	

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Canberra	1986-87—													
	December	11,176	157	256	n.p.	n.p.	969	521	202	n.p.	54	..	6,595	24,943
	March	7,421	84	229	n.p.	n.p.	1,169	567	206	32	79	..	805	13,874
	June	7,564	n.p.	192	n.p.	51	2,443	571	196	32	73	..	2,957	18,512
	1987-88—													
	September	10,071	n.p.	311	5,529	n.p.	n.p.	554	160	n.p.	n.p.	..	n.p.	24,479
Other Interstate	December	13,741	141	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	3,464	820	229	n.p.	69	..	1,251	26,267
	March	13,172	165	623	n.p.	n.p.	1,584	501	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	..	5,985	28,003
	1986-87—													
	December	79,326	10,177	646	163,532	40,011	56,318	39,917	4,607	289	212	2,947	65,577	463,559
	March	72,088	10,221	447	185,261	n.p.	48,690	42,180	4,634	n.p.	n.p.	2,542	67,753	440,062
	June	73,435	2,890	333	213,011	2,807	69,889	41,377	6,688	n.p.	n.p.	3,346	99,847	514,090
Total	1987-88—													
	September	81,873	3,346	n.p.	172,430	n.p.	64,140	47,067	6,662	n.p.	174	3,016	88,754	495,089
	December	90,163	6,988	631	141,542	1,651	53,473	44,148	3,696	n.p.	n.p.	3,853	81,543	430,947
	March	92,346	4,814	728	168,284	11,186	47,740	47,626	2,104	n.p.	n.p.	9,004	97,326	484,602
	1986-87—													
	December	498,612	22,244	9,851	585,629	61,373	308,984	271,961	59,614	4,839	14,688	73,883	338,371	2,248,449
Total	March	464,292	22,157	5,697	611,617	32,204	276,184	245,480	57,717	3,015	13,470	64,167	335,251	2,131,251
	June	501,633	14,380	6,995	674,033	35,742	306,628	257,464	64,727	3,096	17,719	70,493	346,287	2,299,857
Total	1987-88—													
	September	521,329	15,088	9,394	659,992	32,256	298,145	272,921	55,731	7,491	19,080	74,175	335,277	2,306,879
	December	557,683	18,779	17,863	633,117	28,902	320,858	277,367	54,633	8,598	25,962	74,742	349,549	2,348,853
	March	546,150	16,042	6,976	641,611	19,432	291,070	241,709	49,915	6,200	17,072	86,799	383,927	2,223,762

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This publication contains statistics on interstate freight movements by road within Australia. The statistics were compiled using data collected each quarter from enterprises involved in the movement of road freight (as defined in paragraph 2).

Scope

2. The scope of the quarterly collection is those enterprises which undertake more than 20,000 tonnes of interstate road freight movements in a year either for hire or reward under prime contract arrangements or on own account. Road freight movements, in this context, refer to movements of freight for which road transport was used as the main mode. Movements of freight for which the majority of distance was by modes other than road transport are excluded from these statistics.

3. All movements between Melbourne or Geelong and Tasmania are classified as 'sea' or 'air' and are therefore excluded from this publication. However, freight consigned to Tasmania, for example, by road from Sydney to Melbourne and then by sea or air to Tasmania would be classified as 'road' from Sydney to Tasmania because that segment of the journey constituted the majority of the line-haul distance. As Tasmania is treated as a single location for the purposes of this collection, the mode of transport after landing in Tasmania is not taken into account.

Coverage

4. Coverage for this collection was initially established in September quarter 1982 as those enterprises which were found, in the 1980-81 Census of Interstate Freight Movements, to meet the scope criteria. The combined activities of those enterprises at the time of the census constituted approximately 70 per cent of total interstate road freight movements during that year.

5. The coverage has progressively decreased since September quarter 1982. Using results from the 1983-84 ABS Transport Surveys a number of additional enterprises were identified as being in the scope of the collection (as defined in paragraph 2). These additional enterprises are reflected in the statistics commencing with September quarter 1985. However, coverage has continued to decline since then and is now estimated to be between 50 and 60 per cent of total interstate road freight.

Definitions

6. The road freight data reported in this publication refer to movements made under prime contract and own account arrangements. A *prime contract* is defined as an agreement to move freight, made with the original consignor of the freight. Freight moved on *own account* is freight owned and transported by the same legal entity. Freight moved by road under sub-contract arrangements has been excluded to avoid double counting. *Freight forwarding* refers to the management and control, for reward, of the movement of freight without the performance of the major line-haul function.

7. Data in this publication are reported in gross tonnes (i.e. tonnages including the weight of the container); furniture reported in cubic metres and freight reported in litres have been converted to approximate tonne equivalents.

8. A significant number of businesses did not have records of tonnes moved by origin/destination. In these instances respondents were asked to provide estimates on the basis of experience over a typical short period.

9. The geographical boundaries used for this collection closely approximate the Statistical Divisions/Districts of the centres designated in this publication, with the exception of Other Interstate. Other Interstate includes locations other than those designated (i.e. combined rest of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and Northern Territory).

Related publications

10. Users may also wish to refer to the following interstate freight movement publication which is available on request:

Interstate Freight Movement, Australia, 1985-86 (9212.0)

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