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MAIN FEATURES

Employment and Unemployment

The number of persons employed in Queensland increased by 7.4 per cent to 1,204,800 in the year to September 1988. The unemployment rate for September 1988 was 7.8 per cent, compared with 7.3 per cent for August 1988 and 9.3 per cent for September 1987.

Average Weekly Earnings

Average weekly ordinary time earnings for full-time adult males in Queensland increased by 3.7 per cent from May 1987 to May 1988 to \$466.80. For full-time adult females, average weekly ordinary time earnings increased by 6.3 per cent from May 1987 to May 1988 to \$388.90.

Manufacturing Production

After five consecutive quarters of strong growth, preliminary estimates for June quarter 1988 show that the index of manufacturing production for Australia fell by 2.5 per cent in seasonally adjusted terms and by 0.5 per cent in terms of trend.

Guest Nights Spent in Hotels and Motels

The number of guest nights spent in licensed hotels, motels etc. with facilities in Queensland increased from 2,824,000 in March quarter 1988 to 3,235,000 in June quarter 1988. There was an increase of 22.4 per cent from June quarter 1987 to June quarter 1988.

Dwelling Units Approved

The number of dwelling units approved in Queensland increased by 20.7 per cent for the 3 months ended August 1988 compared with approvals in the 3 months ended May 1988.

New Motor Vehicle Registrations

Total new motor vehicle registrations in Queensland, in trend estimate terms, increased by 2.0 per cent between July and August 1988 and also increased by 19.6 per cent between August 1987 and August 1988.

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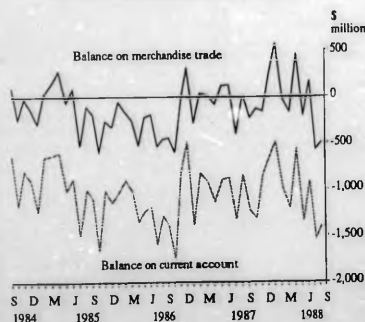
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AGGREGATE INDICATORS

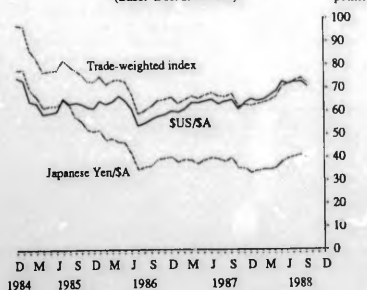
Indicator		Latest period	Latest figure	Figures for preceding three periods			Figure one year ago	Percentage change over year	
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			1988					%	
Balance of payments, Australia									
Exports	**	\$m	August	3,402	3,092	3,489	3,455	3,140	+8.3
Imports	**	\$m	August	3,897	3,660	3,325	3,654	3,119	+24.9
Balance on merchandise trade	**	\$m	August	-495	-568	164	-199	21	**
Balance on goods and services	**	\$m	August	-761	-879	-121	-406	-288	**
Net income and unrequited transfers	**	\$m	August	-630	-654	-800	-931	-559	**
Balance on current account	**	\$m	August	-1,391	-1,533	-921	-1,377	-847	**
Trade and foreign investment									
Foreign trade, Queensland (a)									
Exports	**	\$m	August	835.3	596.7	765.1	697.1	735.6	+13.6
Imports	**	\$m	July	264.9	228.3	257.4	211.7	198.2	+33.7
Foreign investment in Australia									
Official	**	\$m	June qtr	-444	2,328	-762	1,200	2,679	-116.6
Non-official	**	\$m	June qtr	6,433	2,439	3,566	3,959	2,844	+126.2
Export Price Index: All groups (Base: 1974-75 = 100)	**	Index No.	July	280	282	283	280	245	+14.3
Import Price Index: All groups (Base: 1981-82 = 100.0)	**	Index No.	March qtr	165.5	164.6	158.2	158.3	161.1	+2.7
National accounts: Main aggregates, Australia, percentage changes (current prices, seasonally adjusted)									
Final consumption expenditure									
Private	**	%	June qtr	1.8	2.6	1.6	3.6	2.1	**
Government	**	%	June qtr	2.8	3.4	0.8	1.5	2.3	**
Gross fixed capital expenditure	**	%	June qtr	1.0	3.7	5.7	1.0	2.9	**
Exports of goods and services	**	%	June qtr	-6.9	9.8	9.5	1.6	0.4	**
Imports of goods and services	**	%	June qtr	-6.1	5.9	9.0	0.3	-1.0	**
Gross farm product	**	%	June qtr	-11.1	16.1	6.1	3.2	3.6	**
Gross non-farm product	**	%	June qtr	3.5	3.1	2.5	1.5	4.5	**
Gross domestic product	**	%	June qtr	2.8	3.6	2.6	1.6	4.5	**
Exchange rate levels at end of period (b)									
US\$/A	**		September	0.7829	0.8069	0.8045	0.7940	0.7194	+8.8
Yen/\$A	**		September	105.28	108.83	106.82	105.17	105.54	-0.2
Trade-weighted index of value of SA (Base: May 1970 = 100.0)	**		September	60.0	61.8	61.0	59.8	56.2	+6.8

(a) From January 1988, foreign trade data are based on the Harmonised Commodity Description Coding System, not the Standard International Trade Classification (Revision 2), as previously. (b) Source: Reserve Bank of Australia. .. Not applicable.

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS, AUSTRALIA



MOVEMENT OF THE AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR AGAINST SELECTED CURRENCIES AND IN THE TRADE-WEIGHTED INDEX (Base: Dec. 1979=100)

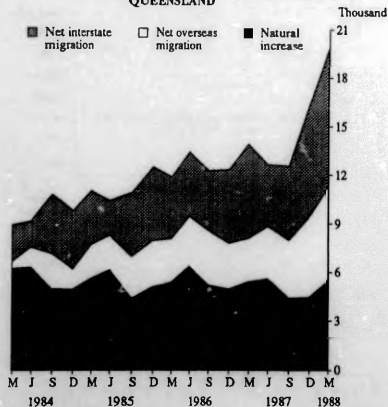


POPULATION, VITAL AND LABOUR STATISTICS, QUEENSLAND

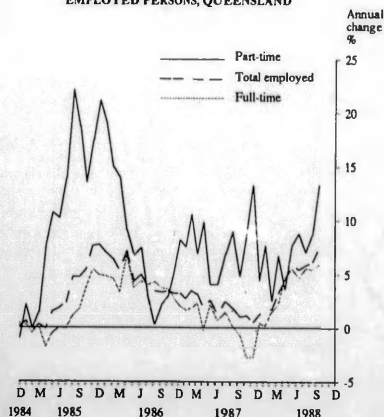
Indicator		Latest period	Latest figure	Figures for preceding three periods			Figure one year ago	Percentage change over year
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1988								
Estimated resident population at end of period	'000	March qtr	2,726.3	2,706.2	2,689.6	2,676.8	2,663.9	+2.3
Population increase during period								
Natural increase	..	No.	March qtr	5,644	4,569	4,565	5,754	+5.56
Net estimated interstate migration	..	No.	March qtr	8,595	6,986	4,643	3,864	+45.7
Net estimated overseas migration	..	No.	March qtr	5,879	5,036	3,606	3,281	+116.4
Total	..	No.	March qtr	20,118	16,591	12,814	12,899	+42.0
Short-term overseas movement								
Arrivals	..	'000	July	80.1	66.7	57.2	47.5	+54.2
Departures	..	'000	July	70.3	59.9	62.7	42.9	+54.9
Civilian population aged 15 years and over	'000	September	2,073.0	2,066.4	2,059.9	2,053.4	2,006.5	+3.3
Persons in the labour force	..	'000	September	1,306.8	1,269.1	1,270.7	1,271.6	+5.7
Employed persons	..	'000	September	1,204.8	1,176.4	1,179.9	1,170.5	+7.4
Full-time	..	'000	September	664.6	656.2	664.5	655.3	+5.7
Males	..	'000	September	280.0	270.9	277.0	270.2	+6.6
Females	..	'000	September	61.1	55.8	52.2	56.8	+18.6
Part-time	..	'000	September	199.1	193.4	186.2	188.2	+11.6
Males	..	'000	September	102.0	92.8	90.8	101.1	+11.4
Females	..	'000	September	56.9	53.9	52.4	55.5	+5.5
Unemployed persons	..	'000	September	45.2	38.9	38.4	45.7	+13.1
Males	..	'000	September	45.2	38.9	38.4	45.7	+13.1
Females	..	'000	September	45.2	38.9	38.4	45.7	+13.1
Unemployment rate								
Males	..	%	September	7.3	7.0	6.8	7.2	8.8
Females	..	%	September	8.6	7.7	7.7	9.1	10.0
Persons	..	%	September	7.8	7.3	7.1	8.0	9.3
Persons aged 15 to 19 years	..	%	August	14.5	15.0	16.9	19.2	21.0

.. Not applicable.

COMPONENTS OF POPULATION INCREASE, QUEENSLAND



EMPLOYED PERSONS, QUEENSLAND

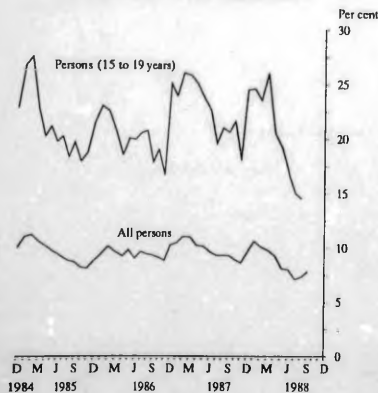


LABOUR STATISTICS, QUEENSLAND (continued)

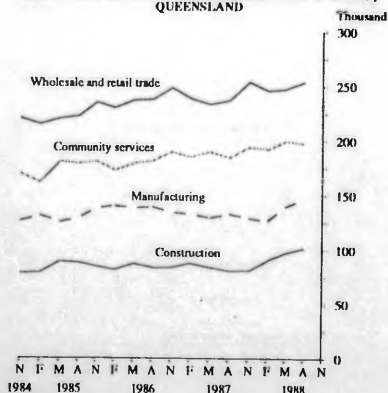
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1988									
Participation rate: Persons	..	%	September	63.0	61.4	61.7	61.9	61.6	
Males	..	%	September	76.5	75.1	75.6	75.7	75.2	..
Females	..	%	September	49.9	48.1	48.1	48.5	48.3	..
Industry of employed persons (a)									
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	..	'000	August	84.1	85.2	86.5	83.7	84.3	-0.2
Mining	..	'000	August	21.8	22.0	22.0	22.2	20.7	+5.3
Manufacturing	..	'000	August	146.4	139.7	126.7	129.0	132.6	+10.4
Electricity, gas and water	..	'000	August	14.1	15.8	13.8	13.3	14.6	-3.4
Construction	..	'000	August	101.3	97.1	90.4	80.7	80.5	+25.8
Wholesale and retail trade	..	'000	August	253.6	247.6	246.1	254.2	237.1	+7.0
Transport and storage ..	..	'000	August	76.0	72.3	67.9	66.3	72.6	+4.7
Communication	..	'000	August	22.3	22.3	23.6	24.9	23.2	-3.9
Finance, property and business services	..	'000	August	111.8	118.6	112.6	106.7	109.9	+1.7
Public administration and defence	..	'000	August	44.7	50.3	49.9	54.3	55.1	+18.9
Community services	..	'000	August	197.8	199.9	192.2	194.1	184.7	+7.1
Recreation, personal and other services	..	'000	August	102.5	104.3	91.5	92.7	93.9	+9.2
Total	..	'000	August	1,176.4	1,174.9	1,123.3	1,122.1	1,109.2	+6.1
Employed wage and salary earners									
Private	..	'000	June	588.7	589.2	576.0	577.0	563.1	+4.5
Government	..	'000	June	253.5	254.0	253.0	251.7	259.1	2.2
Commonwealth	..	'000	June	50.2	50.4	50.1	49.7	51.1	1.8
State	..	'000	June	176.5	176.7	176.2	175.4	181.3	-2.6
Local	..	'000	June	26.9	26.9	26.7	26.7	26.7	+0.7
Job vacancies (a)	..	'000	August	7.2	6.6	6.5	4.2	5.2	+38.5
Overtime, average hours per employee (a)	No.		August	1.34	1.32	1.32	1.29	1.11	+20.7
Industrial disputes: Working days lost ..	'000		June	94.2	45.8	3.3	21.4	12.4	+659.7

(a) Figures collected in a quarterly survey conducted in February, May, August and November. .. Not applicable.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, QUEENSLAND



EMPLOYED PERSONS BY SELECTED INDUSTRY DIVISION, QUEENSLAND



BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION

Indicator		Latest period	Latest figure	Figures for preceding three periods			Figure one year ago	Percentage change over year	
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1988									
%									
Selected building statistics, <i>Queensland</i>									
Dwelling units approved									
New houses	**	No.	August	3,024	2,809	2,669	2,566	1,713	+76.5
New other residential buildings	**	No.	August	1,481	903	1,140	828	518	+186.0
Value of all building approved	**	\$m	August	466.0	579.5	441.7	318.6	487.0	-4.3
Dwelling units commenced									
New houses	**	No.	June qtr	6,980	5,400	5,840	5,050	4,040	+72.8
New other residential buildings	**	No.	June qtr	2,942	2,258	1,922	1,691	1,206	+143.9
Value of all building commenced	**	\$m	June qtr	1,086.7	1,334.7	999.2	929.5	777.8	+39.7
Housing finance for owner occupation									
Savings banks	**	\$m	July	192.5	205.8	148.5	128.6	91.7	+109.9
Trading banks	**	\$m	July	16.3	21.1	18.4	15.3	8.1	+101.2
Permanent building societies	**	\$m	July	69.6	96.2	97.0	74.2	40.1	+73.6
Other lenders	**	\$m	July	19.0	21.3	19.1	15.5	18.3	+3.8
Total commitments	**	\$m	July	297.4	344.4	283.0	233.6	158.1	+88.1
Interest rates on new housing loans:									
Savings banks (a)	**	%	July	14.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	15.50	-6.5
Price indexes, <i>Brisbane</i>									
Materials used in house building (Base: 1985-86 = 100.0)									
All groups	**	Index No.	July	119.3	118.4	117.8	116.1	106.3	+12.2
Materials used in building other than house building (Base: 1979-80 = 100.0)									
Ready-mixed concrete	**	Index No.	July	193.6	187.9	187.7	187.7	180.3	+7.4
Structural steel	**	Index No.	July	201.1	202.9	203.0	199.3	190.3	+5.7
All groups	**	Index No.	July	206.1	204.9	204.0	200.5	184.8	+11.5

(a) Predominant rate.

NEW DWELLINGS AND LOANS APPROVED, QUEENSLAND



PRICE INDEXES OF MATERIALS, BRISBANE

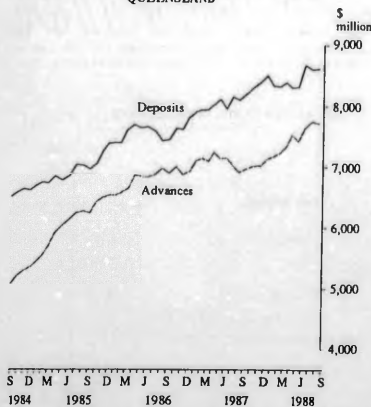


BANKING AND FINANCE, QUEENSLAND

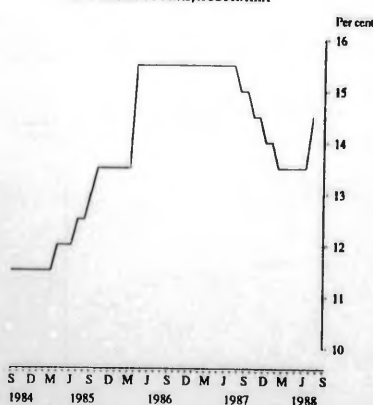
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1988							
Savings banks							%
Deposits	£m	August	4,833	4,034	3,090	4,472	+24.9
Withdrawals	£m	August	4,682	3,590	3,096	4,523	+24.9
Depositors' balances per head of population	£	August	3,229	3,168	2,665	2,610	+39.0
Trading banks							
Deposits	£m	August	8,618	8,603	8,672	8,309	+6.5
Advances	£m	August	7,717	7,748	7,642	7,418	+11.7
Building societies							
Lending operations							
Loans advanced	£m	July	71.7	111.6	93.9	76.5	+37.6
Lending commitments unused	£m	July	102.5	152.3	143.5	124.1	+98.3
Borrowing operations							
Receipts	£m	July	976.4	1,534.3	1,093.5	1,184.6	-29.4
Withdrawals	£m	July	1,024.7	1,413.7	1,115.6	1,206.7	-27.4
Personal finance commitments							
All banks	£m	July	179.9	205.2	165.6	158.7	+10.8
Credit co-operatives	£m	July	23.6	24.1	25.0	18.8	+16.3
Finance companies	£m	July	66.8	64.3	66.0	55.5	+13.6
Other	£m	July	1.5	3.9	3.0	3.4	-34.8
Total	£m	July	271.8	297.5	259.6	236.4	+11.5
Commercial finance commitments							
All banks	£m	June	965.0	690.6	742.9	735.6	+63.6
Finance companies	£m	June	186.8	180.5	180.2	161.5	-12.3
Money market corporations	£m	June	47.8	26.8	48.7	19.2	-5.7
Other	£m	June	6.9	4.7	3.6	-	+475.0
Total	£m	June	1,206.6	902.6	975.4	916.3	+41.2
Lease finance commitments	£m	July	123.4	128.5	105.8	83.0	+14.9

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TRADING BANKS: DEPOSITS AND ADVANCES, QUEENSLAND



SAVINGS BANK INTEREST RATE FOR NEW HOME BUYERS, AUSTRALIA

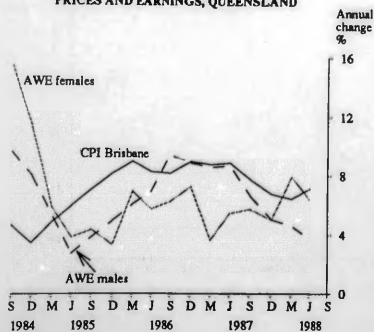


PRICES, WAGES AND CONSUMER SPENDING

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1988										
%										
Consumer Price Index, <i>Brisbane</i> (Base: 1980-81 = 100.0)										
Food	..	..	Index No.	June qtr	168.6	163.8	160.6	158.5	156.8	+7.5
Housing	..	..	Index No.	June qtr	167.8	163.9	163.3	161.1	159.1	+5.5
Transportation	..	..	Index No.	June qtr	192.2	190.4	189.3	184.1	181.7	+5.8
All groups (a)	..	..	Index No.	June qtr	177.9	174.6	171.5	168.4	166.1	+7.1
Average weekly earnings (full-time adult ordinary time), <i>Queensland</i> (b)										
Males	..	..	\$	May	466.80	460.70	458.60	457.00	450.10	+3.7
Females	..	..	\$	May	388.90	381.30	372.00	370.00	365.90	+6.3
Index of weekly award rates of pay, <i>Queensland</i> (Base: June 1985 = 100.0)										
Full-time adult employees	..	..	Index No.	April	112.9	112.9	112.9	110.9	109.7	+2.9
Males	..	..	Index No.	April	113.9	113.9	113.9	111.9	109.7	+3.8
Females	..	..	Index No.	April	113.9	113.9	113.9	111.9	109.7	+3.8
Retail sales (excluding motor vehicles etc.), <i>Queensland</i>										
Current prices	..	..	\$m	June	896.1	858.8	805.8	842.8	719.6	+24.5
Original series	..	..	\$m	June	901.5	887.9	872.7	857.8	773.5	+16.6
Trend estimate	..	..	\$m	June	901.5	887.9	872.7	857.8	773.5	+16.6
Licensed hotels, motels etc. with facilities, <i>Queensland</i>										
Guest nights	..	..	'000	June qtr	3,235	2,824	2,964	3,379	2,643	+22.4
Bed occupancy rate	..	..	%	June qtr	37.2	33.3	35.0	40.8	32.6	..
Takings	..	..	\$'000	June qtr	120,935	95,303	97,202	101,561	80,160	+50.9
New motor vehicle registrations, <i>Queensland</i>										
Cars and station wagons	..	..	No.	August	6,323	5,459	6,178	5,504	4,494	+40.7
Total (c)	..	..	No.	August	7,936	6,735	7,807	7,091	5,615	+41.3
Seasonally adjusted	..	..	No.	August	5,560	5,535	5,333	5,322	4,417	+25.9
Cars and station wagons	..	..	No.	August	7,090	6,813	6,542	6,788	5,589	+26.9
Total (c)	..	..	No.	August	7,090	6,813	6,542	6,788	5,589	+26.9
Trend estimate	..	..	No.	August	5,587	5,482	5,342	5,176	4,691	+19.1
Cars and station wagons	..	..	No.	August	6,999	6,864	6,685	6,477	5,853	+19.6
Total (c)	..	..	No.	August	6,999	6,864	6,685	6,477	5,853	+19.6

(a) Including also: clothing; household equipment and operation; tobacco and alcohol; health and personal care and recreation and education. (b) The last pay period ending on or before the third Friday of the month shown. (c) Excluding motor cycles, mobile equipment and trailers. .. Not applicable.

PRICES AND EARNINGS, QUEENSLAND



NEW MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED, QUEENSLAND

