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Indicator	Latest period	Latest figure	Figures for preceding three periods			Figure one year ago	Percentage change over year (a)
			One period	Two periods	Three periods		
1986							
Resident population							%
Estimated at end of period ..	'000 persons Dec. qr*	2,567.2	2,555.9	2,546.4	2,536.8	2,526.4	+1.6
Total increase ..	'000 persons Dec. qr*	11.3	9.5	9.7	10.4	9.5	..
Natural increase (births less deaths)	persons June qr	6,351	5,511	5,257	4,510	6,273	..
Employment and wages							
Persons in the labour force (b)	.. '000 August	1,202.1	1,203.8	1,205.9	1,200.2	1,155.6	+4.0
Employed persons	.. '000 August	1,089.6	1,088.3	1,096.9	1,082.4	1,053.4	+3.4
Unemployed persons	.. '000 August	112.5	115.5	109.0	117.8	102.3	+10.0
Overtime hours worked per employee (c)	.. No. August	1.18	1.19	1.13	1.33	1.18	=
Job vacancies (c)	.. '000 August	4.4	4.6	8.0	7.0	6.8	-35.3
Average weekly earnings							
Males	.. \$ May	396.00	391.40	384.80	377.20	370.30	+6.9
Females	.. \$ May	252.80	250.50	245.40	243.40	241.20	+4.8
Employed wage and salary earners							
Private sector	.. '000 March	548.1	550.7	540.9	544.2	524.1	+4.6
Government sector	.. '000 March	259.6	256.6	251.5	254.7	256.9	+1.1
Indexes of weekly award rates (d)	numbers						
Wage earners: Male	.. July	225.3	220.3	220.3	220.3	211.5	+6.5
Wage earners: Female	.. July	220.4	215.4	215.4	215.4	207.3	+6.3
Wage and salary earners: Male	.. July	223.5	218.5	218.5	218.5	209.9	+6.5
Wage and salary earners: Female	.. July	218.6	213.7	213.7	213.7	205.7	+6.3
Prices							
Consumer Price Index, Brisbane	numbers						
Food (e)	.. June qr	150.6	147.3	143.4	139.9	137.5	+9.5
Clothing (e)	.. June qr	146.1	140.5	139.2	133.8	132.0	+10.7
Housing (e)	.. June qr	152.7	151.6	149.5	147.5	145.6	+4.3
Household equipment and operation (e)	.. June qr	157.1	154.2	151.0	146.3	141.9	+10.7
Transportation (e)	.. June qr	158.4	161.6	157.4	156.2	150.7	+5.1
Tobacco and alcohol (e)	.. June qr	160.6	157.9	154.1	151.6	147.1	+9.1
Health and personal care (e)	.. June qr	141.7	135.1	130.3	128.8	125.1	+13.3
Recreation and education (f)	.. June qr	131.9	131.1	128.2	126.1	121.9	+8.2
All groups (e)	.. June qr	152.7	151.0	147.5	144.7	141.1	+8.2
Building Price Indexes, Brisbane, monthly - All groups	numbers						
Materials used in house building (g)	.. July	556.8	557.8	554.3	555.5	529.5	+5.2
Materials used in other building (h)	.. July	174.8	173.7	172.7	171.7	165.3	+5.7
Building							
Dwelling units approved							
New houses	.. No. July	1,540	1,338	1,407	1,571	2,367	-34.9
New other residential buildings	.. No. July	335	296	245	231	654	-48.8
Value of all building approved (i)	.. \$m July	226.5	211.8	160.7	180.3	269.7	-16.0
Dwelling units commenced							
New houses	.. No. June qr	4,382	4,665	5,770	6,800	5,830	-24.8
New other residential buildings	.. No. June qr	929	1,370	1,502	1,655	1,598	-41.9
Value of building commenced							
New houses	.. \$m June qr	230.9	246.6	286.7	334.6	271.8	-15.0
New other residential buildings	.. \$m June qr	36.6	55.7	53.7	61.1	59.7	-38.7
Non-residential building (i)	.. \$m June qr	252.6	288.5	400.9	367.2	361.3	-30.1
Value of work done in period (i)	.. \$m June qr	743.2	688.7	882.1	813.7	671.3	+10.7

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1986								%	
Retail sales (excl. motor vehicles etc.) (j)									
Original series									
Current prices	**	**	\$m July	720.9	693.2	747.0	686.9	651.4	+10.7
Current prices	**	**	\$m March qr	2,026.5	2,354.2	1,989.6	1,893.1	1,790.4	+13.2
Average 1979-80 prices	**	**	\$m March qr	1,274.6	1,531.1	1,326.3	1,290.1	1,231.0	+3.5
Seasonally adjusted series									
Current prices	**	**	\$m March qr	2,189.0	2,113.0	2,014.7	1,952.0	1,925.4	+13.7
Average 1979-80 prices	**	**	\$m March qr	1,382.3	1,365.7	1,344.9	1,331.9	1,331.0	+3.9
New motor vehicle registrations (k)									
Cars and station wagons	**	**	No. August	5,665	5,459	5,346	5,467	7,226	-21.6
Other motor vehicles (incl. motor cycles)	**	**	No. August	2,056	2,161	2,279	2,504	2,533	-18.8
Housing finance									
Lending commitments to individuals (l)	**	**	\$m July	144.1	112.7	115.7	113.7	183.7	-21.6
Savings banks	**	**	\$m July	87.2	69.9	66.5	59.5	77.7	+12.2
Trading banks	**	**	\$m July	11.3	8.7	9.1	12.1	19.1	-40.8
Permanent building societies	**	**	\$m July	18.9	12.2	12.6	16.8	59.0	-68.0
Other lenders	**	**	\$m July	26.7	21.9	27.5	25.3	28.0	-4.6
Trading banks									
Deposits (m)	**	**	\$m August	7,420	7,574	7,645	7,625	7,006	+5.9
Advances (m)	**	**	\$m August	6,965	6,862	6,824	6,828	6,258	+11.3
Debits to customers' accounts (n)	**	**	\$m August	6,930	7,617	6,765	6,136	5,905	+17.4
Savings banks									
Depositors' balances at end of period	**	**	\$m July	5,378	5,238	5,026	4,983	5,034	+6.8
External trade (o)									
Foreign imports	**	**	\$m July	217.8	177.5	217.6	196.5	213.1	+2.2
Foreign exports	**	**	\$m July	643.5	576.0	719.8	571.2	693.7	-7.2
Cereal grains	**	**	\$m July	40.9	54.1	73.1	50.9	86.5	-52.6
Meat	**	**	\$m July	86.6	62.5	88.2	72.0	81.2	+6.3
Sugar	**	**	\$m July	74.5	27.4	57.2	50.7	68.0	+9.6
Wool	**	**	\$m July	17.3	13.7	10.7	14.3	20.0	-13.5
Coal	**	**	\$m July	266.2	227.4	278.1	234.2	251.8	+5.7
Production									
Electricity generated	**	**	m kWh August	1,908.2	1,956.0	1,807.6	1,792.4	1,855.8	+2.8
Beef and veal	**	**	'000 tonnes August	54.1	62.3	52.3	51.4	47.4	+14.2
Clay bricks (q)	**	**	million August	19.2	22.8	21.7	20.4	22.4	-13.9
Ready-mixed concrete	**	**	'000 cu m August	249.0	256.9	249.4	258.9	299.5	-16.8
Log timber processed (gross volume)	**	**	'000 cu m June qr	318.3	287.6	330.4	348.5	336.5	-21.3
Bauxite (beneficiated) (s)	**	**	'000 tonnes March qr	1,424	2,080	1,421	1,970	1,810	-21.3
Coal (s)(t)	**	**	'000 tonnes March qr	12,812	17,347	16,150	17,520	9,958	+28.7
Copper (s)	**	**	'000 tonnes March qr	39.7	33.8	(u) 57.8	47.4	40.9	-3.0
Lead (s)	**	**	'000 tonnes March qr	48.1	46.0	(u) 67.8	50.2	41.3	+16.5
Zinc (s)	**	**	'000 tonnes March qr	54.5	47.5	(u) 71.1	56.1	52.4	+4.0
Wool									
Received into store (v)	**	**	'000 bales September	45.2	41.4	39.1	29.9	33.6	+34.4
Value of sales	**	**	\$m September	34.2	26.8	13.0	24.3	15.9	+114.8
Average price per kilogram	**	**	cents September	360.73	339.84	353.74	322.86	376.04	-4.1

(a) Latest figure compared with the figure one year ago. (b) Estimates derived from monthly labour force surveys.
 (c) Average number of overtime hours worked per person employed and number of job vacancies as recorded in a quarterly survey conducted in February, May, August, and November. (d) Weighted average of award rates for a normal week's work (excluding overtime). Base of index: June 1976 = 100.0. (e) Base of index: year 1980-81 = 100.0. (f) Base of index: March quarter 1982 = 100.0. (g) Base of index: year 1966-67 = 100.0. (h) Series index: year 1979-80 = 100.0. (i) New work, including alterations and additions over \$10,000. (j) Series based on 1979-80 Retail Census. (k) Source: Main Roads Department. (l) For the construction or purchase of dwellings for owner occupation and for alterations and additions to dwellings. (m) Averages at close of business on Wednesdays during period. (n) Averages of weekly figures, excluding debits to Commonwealth Government accounts at capital city branches. (o) Statistics are compiled from documentation submitted by exporters and importers, or their agents, to the Australian Customs Service. The month in which documents are lodged and cleared may differ from the month of shipment. Excluding non-merchandise trade. (p) Excluding bricks for other than structural purposes, e.g. pavers. (q) Source: Queensland Mines Department. (r) Periods vary: March quarter and September quarter, 12 weeks; June quarter and December quarter, 14 weeks. (s) Including 4 four-week work periods instead of the normal 3 periods. (t) Queensland wool, excluding wool for re-sale. (u) Not applicable. * 1985.

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