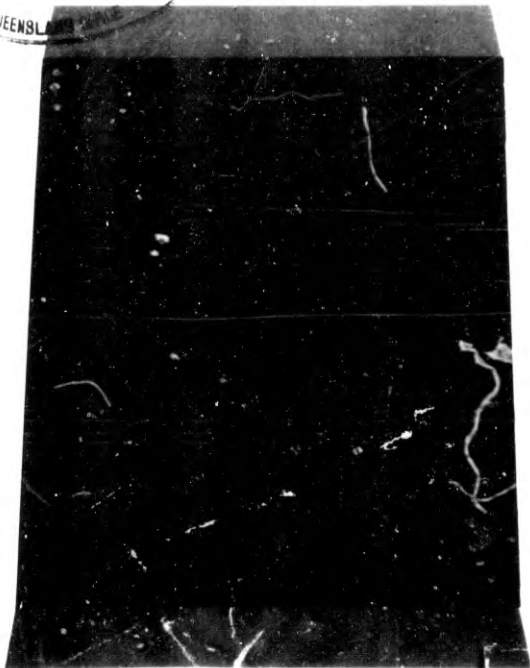
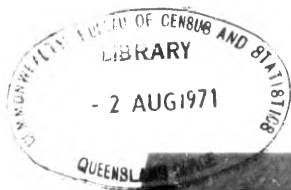


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AUSTRALIA at a glance

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Values are shown in terms of Australian dollars (\$)

		1959-60	1967-68	1968-69	1969-70
Population					
Total population, June	'000	10,275	12,031	12,296	12,552
Population under age 20	%	37.7	37.9	37.8	37.7
Births	'000	229	232	247	252
Natural increase (births-deaths)	"	140	127	139	143
Overseas movement: excess of arrivals over departures	"	79	93	126	113
Permanent and long-term arrivals	"	134	198	237	254
Short-term visitors arriving	"	76	257	332	389
School pupils, August	"	2,052	2,588	2,659	2,720
University students, June	"	53	102	110	117
National product and expenditure					
Gross National Product (GNP)	\$m	13,825	24,318	27,270	30,098
Personal consumption expenditure	"	8,799	14,817	15,888	17,335
Food and drink	"	2,701	4,232	4,436	4,750
Household durables	"	778	1,102	1,189	1,295
Transport	"	1,126	1,998	2,163	2,418
Gross fixed capital expenditure	"	3,395	6,493	7,196	7,861
Private	"	2,190	4,150	4,686	5,159
Public authorities and enterprises	"	1,205	2,343	2,510	2,696
Gross farm product (at factor cost)	"	1,590	1,756	2,246	2,087
GNP at 1966-67 prices	"	16,501	23,683	25,662	27,119
GNP per head (at current prices)	\$	1,390	2,039	2,240	2,419
Personal income (aggregate)					
Total	\$m	10,672	18,408	20,577	22,673
Wages, salaries and supplements	"	6,977	12,697	14,029	15,718
Interest and dividends	"	606	1,114	1,199	1,358
Unincorporated enterprises income	"	2,053	2,507	3,074	3,028
Cash benefits from public authorities	"	753	1,323	1,443	1,637
Personal disposable income	"	9,629	16,054	17,843	19,565
Government finance					
Current receipts (all governments)	\$m	3,396	6,794	7,588	8,688
Commonwealth Government taxes	"	2,519	4,953	5,529	6,382
Income tax, persons	"	884	2,175	2,377	2,855
companies	"	456	856	1,033	1,191
Customs and excise duties	"	673	1,167	1,249	1,353
Sales tax	"	328	417	494	569
State and local government taxes	"	523	1,081	1,214	1,342
Total outlay, current and capital (all governments)	"	3,906	8,117	8,649	9,679
Defence	"	368	985	1,018	990
Health and welfare	"	835	1,526	1,673	1,931
Age and invalid pensions	"	294	514	559	642
Education	"	358	876	996	1,158

**Primary production.
(excluding mining)**

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Net value of production	\$m	2,170	2,558	3,043	2,916
Agriculture	"	584	899	1,213	1,018
Pastoral	"	1,072	1,044	1,195	1,210
Dairying	"	304	371	381	417
Output					
Wheat	m bus	199	277	544	388
Wool	m lb	1,680	1,770	1,948	2,046
Meat	'000 tons	1,426	1,691	1,749	1,909

Mining production

Net value of mining production(a)(b)	\$m	252	568	729	
Output					
Metals (metallic content of ore)					
Copper	'000 tons	102	93	121	136
Lead	"	315	369	409	463
Zinc	"	271	393	456	504
Iron	"	2,799	13,057	21,378	27,263
Bauxite (alumina content)	"	3	2,449	3,354	4,340
Black coal	"	21,204	36,759	42,629	47,721
Crude oil	'000 bls	..	11,962	14,063	30,705
Natural gas	mil cu ft	..	161	2,024	27,541

Factory production

Net value of factory production(a) (excludes electricity and gas)	\$m	3,989	7,132	7,589	
Metal products, transport equipment, machinery, etc.	"	1,698	3,164	3,250	
Food, beverages, tobacco	"	520	937	1,205	
Textiles, clothing, footwear	"	454	675	706	
Paper and products, printing	"	298	549	660	
Chemicals, petroleum products	"	357	687	639	
Output					
Ingot steel	'000 tons	3,520	6,287	6,599	6,766
Beer	m gal	232	310	326	342
Tobacco, cigarettes, cigars	m lb	51	59	62	66
Cars and station wagons	'000	230	330	342	394
Electricity output	m kWh	23	45	49	54

Building

Houses (number completed)	'000	81.6	85.8	91.5	97.5
Flats (number completed)	"	8.4	34.4	39.1	44.7
Value of houses and flats completed	\$m	571	1,023	1,182	1,379
Value of other new buildings completed	"	403	843	955	1,003

(a) Figures for 1968-69 are not comparable with figures for earlier years because of changes in scope, reporting units and data items, and for mining because of a change from a calendar to a fiscal year reporting basis. (b) Mining figures relate to the periods 1959, 1967 and 1968-69.

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Transport

Motor vehicles on register, June	'000	2,824	4,345	4,586	4,861
Cars and station wagons, June	"	1,938	3,349	3,551	3,780
Cars and station wagons per					
1,000 persons, June	no.	189	278	289	301
New motor vehicles registered	'000	303	464	483	526
Civil aviation (passenger miles)					
Regular internal services	mil	1,133	2,125	2,402	2,803
Overseas services (Australian airlines)	"	720	1,970	2,247	2,498

Retail sales (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.)

\$m	4,945	7,518	7,932	8,517
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Employment and unemployment

Civilian labour force, May—total	'000	n.a.	5,064	5,197	5,386
—males	"	n.a.	3,497	3,580	3,665
—females	"	n.a.	1,567	1,618	1,721
Manufacturing	"	n.a.	1,357	1,384	1,422
Primary production (excl. mining)	"	n.a.	446	442	
Building and construction	"	n.a.	433	454	476
Registered unemployed, June	"	47.2	65.3	54.9	51.5
Registered vacancies, June	"	31.7	28.7	35.0	39.9
Trade union membership, December	"	851	2,151	2,191	2,239
Industrial disputes, working days lost	"	473	1,043	1,780	1,804

Wages, weekly earnings and hours

Wage rates index, adult males, June, 1954 = 100	124	164	176	185
Earnings (per employed male unit)	\$ 43.9	64.3	68.9	75.0
Hours (including overtime), adult males, October	n.a.	43.1	43.3	43.6

Prices

Consumer price index (6 capital cities)	1966-67 = 100	86	103	106	109
Export price index, 1959-60 = 100		100	100	102	103
Wool price index, 1959-60 = 100		100	95	99	87

Balance of payments

Balance on current account	\$m	- 459	- 1,123	- 1,009	- 743
Trade balance (B.O.P. basis)	"	46	- 218	14	410
Balance on invisibles	"	- 505	- 906	- 1,023	- 1,154
Capital account: net apparent capital inflow	"	474	1,202	1,157	780
Overseas investment in Australia	"	451	1,096	1,140	862
Australian investment overseas	"	- 11	- 39	- 53	- 151
Net official monetary movements	"	15	79	148	37

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Overseas trade

Total exports, f.o.b.	\$m	1,875	3,045	3,374	4,132
Total imports, f.o.b.	"	1,854	3,264	3,469	3,881
Percentage of total exports to Japan	%	14.4	21.1	24.4	24.7
U.K.	"	26.4	14.0	12.0	11.8
U.S.A.	"	8.1	13.2	14.2	13.5
Percentage of total imports from Japan	"	4.5	10.5	12.0	12.4
U.K.	"	35.6	22.1	21.6	21.8
U.S.A.	"	16.2	25.8	25.4	24.9
Major export commodities, f.o.b.					
Wool (greasy)	\$m	674	646	719	684
Meat (fresh, chilled, frozen)	"	145	263	271	401
Wheat	"	123	343	258	338
Machinery and transport equipment	"	n.a.	157	182	280
Iron ore and concentrates	"	"	103	180	278
Coal, coke and briquettes	"	10	89	119	172
Sugar	"	53	98	122	116
Major import commodities, f.o.b.					
Machinery (non-electrical)	"	n.a.	586	604	709
Road motor vehicles	"	166	263	283	340
Petroleum and petroleum products	"	200	241	251	254

Finance

Trading bank deposits, June balances	\$m	3,611	6,087	6,706	7,099
Savings bank deposits, June balances	"	3,045	6,222	6,707	7,105
Trading bank advances at June	"	2,211	4,020	4,384	4,903
Finance companies, balances outstanding, June	"	n.a.	2,438	2,817	3,374
Housing advances:					
Savings banks (loans approved to individuals)	"	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	469
Building societies	"	n.a.	260	333	
Commonwealth Government (includes advances to building societies and other institutions—\$45m in 1969-70)	"	161	226	239	263
Life insurance: sum insured on new policies	"	1,450	3,596	4,352	5,361
Net capital raisings of company sector—shares	"	167	174	407	
—debentures, secured loans	"	424	367	481	
Rate on long-term Commonwealth securities, June	% p.a.	5.00	5.25	5.40	7.00

Notes

Important components of the principal aggregates are indicated by indentation. Generally, figures are for the period 1 July-30 June; where indicated, they are for a specific month within the period.

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In those cases where all components are shown, any discrepancies between sums of components and totals are due to rounding.

States of Australia (1969-70 figures)		N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Area	'000 sq miles	309	88	667	380	976	26	520	1	2,968
Population (June 1970)	'000	4,567	3,444	1,799	1,165	980	392	71	133	12,552
Crops (area sown)(1968-69)	'000 acres	15,570	7,910	5,449	7,704	9,812	476	7	11	46,940
Number of sheep	mil	72.3	33.2	16.4	19.7	33.6	4.6	..	0.2	180.1
Number of cattle	"	5.6	4.5	7.5	1.0	1.7	0.6	1.2	..	22.2
Output										
Wool (greasy basis)	m lb	750	438	196	275	336	48	..	3	2,046
Wheat	m bushels	163	84	15	59	67	..	..	..	388
Beef and veal	'000 tons	273	250	310	40	72	31	16	3	994
Mutton and lamb	"	234	278	51	78	77	24	..	2	743
Whole milk	m gal	310	892	191	106	58	103	..	1	1,662
Copper (content of ore)	'000 tons	15	..	91	..	2	21	7	..	136
Lead (content of ore)	"	286	..	161	..	..	15	1	..	463
Zinc (content of ore)	"	346	..	107	..	..	50	1	..	504
Iron (content of ore)	"	..	..	..	4,646	20,555	1,418	644	..	27,263
Bauxite (alumina content of ore)	"	4	1	3,048	..	1,287	..	..	..	4,340
Coal (brown in Victoria)	"	34,952	23,928	9,363	2,121	1,159	125	..	..	71,648
Value of production (net)										
Rural	\$m	849	754	517	284	241	65	19	3	2,731
Forestry (local value)	"	37	30	13	9	13	14	..	..	116
Mining (1968-69 figures)	"	223	48	153	54	188	40	21	1	729
Factory (1968-69 figures)	"	3,126	2,575	664	640	367	204	9	15	7,589
Personal income per head	\$	1,908	1,929	1,609	1,653	1,744	1,563	included in S.A.	included in N.S.W.	1,822

Capital cities		Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra
Population (June 1970)	'000	2,780	2,425	853	825	663	151	33	130
Average annual rainfall	in	47.5	25.8	44.8	20.8	34.9	24.7	60.5	24.7
Average daily hours of sunshine		6.6	5.7	7.5	6.9	7.8	5.6	8.4	7.2
Temperature									
January, average maximum	°F	78.2	78.5	84.8	85.4	85.1	70.5	89.9	82.0
average minimum	"	65.0	56.9	68.9	61.5	63.6	52.6	77.0	55.0
July, average maximum	"	60.5	55.8	68.4	58.9	62.9	52.5	86.9	51.6
average minimum	"	46.1	42.1	48.8	44.9	47.9	39.9	67.2	31.6

Exchange Rate of \$A1—Average for February 1971 (selling rates)

U.K.	U.S.A.	Japan	New Zealand	Germany (F.R.)	Canada	France	Italy
47 new pence	\$U.S. 1.12	400 Yen	\$N.Z. 0.998	4.06 D.M.	\$Can. 1.13	6.2 Francs	698 Lire

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DISTANCES (miles)

Sydney-Perth	2,100
Adelaide-Darwin	1,700
Darwin-Singapore	2,100
Sydney-Tokyo	4,900
Sydney-San Francisco	7,500
Sydney-London	10,600

