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AUSTRALIA AT A GLANCE



Australia comprises a land area of 7,682,300 square kilometres. The land lies between latitudes 10°41'S (Cape York) and 43°39'S (South Cape, Tasmania) and between longitudes 113°09'E (Sleep Point) and 153°39'E (Cape Byron). The most southerly point on the mainland is South Point (Wilson's Promontory) 39°08'S.

Australia is composed of six States: New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia, Tasmania and two Territories: Northern Territory, Australian Capital Territory.

State/Territory	Area ('000 km ²)	Population June 1991 ('000)
New South Wales	802	5,902
Victoria	228	4,416
Queensland	1,727	2,966
South Australia	984	1,447
Western Australia	2,526	1,637
Tasmania	68	467
Northern Territory	1,346	167
Australian Capital Territory	2	290
Australia	7,682	17,292

AGRICULTURE

	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
Gross value of agriculture	\$m 22,863	23,585	21,168
Crops	\$m 9,643	9,976	9,074
Livestock slaughtering etc.	\$m 5,301	5,893	5,730
Livestock products	\$m 7,911	7,807	6,356
Wheat production	'000 t 13,935	14,214	15,366
Wool production	'000 t 769	842	843
Meat production (excl. poultry)	'000 t 2,343	2,622	2,735

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
Balance on current account	\$m -21,581	-15,629	-11,861
Balance of merchandise trade (BOP basis)	\$m -2,427	2,899	3,914
Net services	\$m -4,435	-3,042	-2,275
Net income	\$m -17,065	-17,972	-15,788
Net unrequited transfers	\$m 2,348	2,486	2,288
Balance on capital account	\$m 16,637	15,901	12,486
Total official	\$m 1,732	-1,304	7,163
Total non-official	\$m 14,905	17,205	5,323

BUILDING

	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
New houses completed	'000 118	98	100
New other residential building completed	'000 42	37	33
Value of new residential building completed	\$m 12,809	11,657	11,254
Value of non-residential building completed	\$m 14,184	14,913	12,096

FINANCE

Government finance

	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
Revenue (all governments)	\$m 124,712	133,911	138,159
Cwth income tax: persons	\$m 47,537	50,020	50,170
Other Cwth government taxes	\$m 36,381	41,165	43,152
State and local government taxes	\$m 22,273	24,357	25,958
Total outlay (all governments)	\$m 124,027	140,687	149,959
Final consumption expenditure	\$m 50,378	55,076	61,720
Personal benefit payments to residents	\$m 29,431	32,514	37,340
Expenditure on non fixed assets	\$m 18,458	21,673	21,841

Private finance

	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
All bank deposits June balances (a)	\$m 183,430	194,741	202,957
Housing finance commitments to individuals (over the year) (b)			
Banks	\$m 14,873	16,001	23,472
Permanent building societies	\$m 1,949	2,961	3,920
Public unit trusts — total assets			
Listed	\$m 10,987	10,435	11,256
Unlisted	\$m 16,667	15,246	14,199
Cash management	\$m 4,679	5,755	5,344

(a) Source: Reserve Bank of Australia. (b) Includes alterations and additions.

FOREIGN TRADE

	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
Total exports, f.o.b.	\$m 49,078	52,380	55,015
Total imports, (customs value)	\$m 51,333	48,912	51,000
Percentage of total exports to			
Japan	% 26.0	27.4	26.5
ASEAN	% 10.2	12.1	13.2
EC	% 13.9	12.1	12.5
Percentage of total imports from			
Japan	% 19.2	18.1	18.2
USA	% 24.1	23.4	23.0

CLIMATE

	Average annual rainfall mm	Average temperature					
		January			July		
		Max	C	Min	Max	C	Min
Canberra	630	7.8	27.8	12.9	11.1	-0.2	
Sydney	1,227	6.8	25.8	18.5	16.1	7.9	
Melbourne	1,657	5.8	24.8	14.0	13.3	8.8	
Brisbane	1,199	8.0	29.1	20.9	20.6	9.5	
Adelaide	530	7.0	27.9	15.5	14.8	6.8	
Perth	801	7.0	31	16.7	17.6	8.0	
Hobart	628	5.9	21.5	11.7	11.5	4.4	
Darwin	1,661	8.5	31.7	24.8	30.4	18.3	

Source: Bureau of Meteorology

CONSUMER PRICE AND OTHER PRICE INDEXES

	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
Consumer price index			
weighted average of 8 capital cities, all groups	1989-90=100.0	100.0	105.3 107.3
Export	1989-90=100.0	100.0	95.0 p89.8
Import	1989-90=100.0	100.0	103.2 p102.7
Building materials—house	1985-86=100.0	135.8	142.1 p142.4
Building materials—other	1979-80=100.0	231.9	243.7 p245.2
Manufacturing			
Materials used	1984-85=100.0	119.0	123.8 p120.7
Articles produced	1988-89=100.0	106.5	111.2 p111.6

DEMOGRAPHY

	1989	1990	1991
Population at 30 June	'000 18,603.1	17,044.7	17,292.0
Aged less than 15	% 22.2	22.0	22.0
Aged 15-64	% 66.9	67.0	66.8
Aged 65 and over	% 10.9	11.0	11.2

1989-90 1990-91 1991-92

	1989	1990	1991
Births	'000 250	258	261
Overseas born mothers	% 24.1	24.2	24.1
Australian born mothers	% 75.9	75.8	75.9
Deaths	'000 119	125	119
Marriages	'000 120	117	115
Divorces(a)	'000 41	43	46

(a) Calendar years 1989, 1990 and 1991

Overseas movements

	1989	1990	1991
Net permanent and long-term movement	'000 137	104	95
Visitor arrivals, short-term	'000 2,220	2,147	2,227
Resident departures, short-term	'000 1,837	2,088	2,116

EDUCATION

	1989	1990	1991
School students			
Government	'000 2,194.4	2,193.3	2,217.2
Non-government	'000 837.0	848.3	857.9
Total	'000 3,031.4	3,041.7	3,075.1
Technical & further education students(a)	'000 1,505.4	1,489.3	1,554.1
Higher education students(b)	'000 441.1	485.1	534.5

(a) Source: National Centre for Vocational Education Research Limited (b) Source: Department of Employment, Education and Training

EXCHANGE RATES (average)

	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
United States dollar	units per SA 0.7697	0.7853	0.7694
United Kingdom pound	units per SA 0.4733	0.4240	0.4381
West German mark	units per SA 1.367	1.248	1.274
Japanese yen	units per SA 113.27	107.60	100.97

Major export commodities, f.o.b.

	\$m	7.375	6.296	7.823
Metaliferous ores and metal scrap	\$m	5,933	6,461	6,945
Coal, coke and briquettes	\$m	3,683	4,613	4,991
Machinery and transport equipment	\$m	2,872	3,672	4,023
Gold, non-monetary	\$m	3,882	3,758	3,627
Non-ferrous metals	\$m	3,972	2,807	3,444
Wool, not carded or combed	\$m	2,698	2,969	3,183
Meat of sheep, goat and bovine animals (fresh, chilled, frozen)	\$m	2,455	1,696	1,510
Major import commodities (customs value)				
Machinery	\$m	15,589	14,072	14,634
Transport equipment	\$m	7,963	7,615	7,308
Chemicals and related products	\$m	5,235	5,118	5,574

HEALTH

	1989	1990	1991
Beds at 30 June			
Recognised (public) hospitals	no 65,013	63,574	64,592
Private hospitals	no 22,067	21,909	22,312
Day hospital facilities	no —	331	507
All beds	no 87,080	85,814	87,411
Beds per 1000 population	5.2	5.0	5.0
Hospitals at 30 June			
Recognised (public) hospitals	no 723	702	705
Private hospitals	no 337	330	324
Day hospital facilities	no —	40	60
All hospitals	no 1,060	1,072	1,069

Source: Department of Community Services and Health

Major causes of death

	no	40,261	38,196	37,408
Hairt disease	no	30,144	30,464	31,285
Malignant neoplasms (cancer)	no	12,579	12,085	11,863
Cerebrovascular disease (stroke)	no	10,611	9,001	8,906
Respiratory disease	no	5,621	5,204	4,797
Accidents	no	2,096	2,161	2,360
Suicide	no	124,232	120,062	119,146
Total deaths	no			

INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS

Country	1991	Surface area	Pop density
	Estimated population ('000)	(sq km)	(pop./km ²)
Australia	17,099	7,713.4	2
Canada	26.74	9,976.1	3
France	56.33	551.5	102
Germany	77.54	357.0	217
Italy	57.05	301.3	189
Japan	123.94	377.6	328
New Zealand	3.42	271.0	13
United Kingdom	57.37	244.1	235
United States of America	251.09	9,372.6	27

Source: 1990 Demographic Year Book, United Nations and 1991 World Health Statistics Annual WHO Geneva

1990-91

All items	CPI	Un-	Long-term
	(1985=100.0)	employ-	interest
		ment	rates(a)
		%	%annum
Australia	149.5	9.4	11.15
Canada	128.3	10.4	10.23
France	118.2	9.4	8.59
Germany	108.5	4.3	8.40
Italy	136.1	10.0	11.06
Japan	108.8	2.1	7.12
New Zealand	159.2	10.2	9.74
United Kingdom	138.1	8.9	10.34
United States of America	124.5	6.8	8.54

(a) Government bonds Source: OECD, Main Economic Indicators

INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT POSITION	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
Net foreign liabilities at 30 June	\$m 164,268	184,769	198,989
Foreign investment in Australia	\$m 258,534	280,824	299,198
Australian investment abroad	\$m 94,266	96,055	100,209
Net foreign debt at 30 June	\$m 129,229	137,210	150,050
Foreign borrowing	\$m 159,601	172,950	185,797
Australian lending abroad and reserve assets	\$m 30,371	35,740	35,747
Ratio of net foreign liabilities at 30 June to GDP	% 44.4	48.8	51.7
Ratio of net foreign debt at 30 June to GDP	% 35.0	36.3	39.0

LABOUR FORCE	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
Civilian labour force, annual average			
Males	000 4,904.7	4,983.9	5,000.9
Females	000 3,450.5	3,538.5	3,572.1
Unemployed persons, annual average job vacancies, May	000 515.0	713.6	888.9
Trade union membership, August	000 50	25	24
Industrial disputes, work days lost, year ended 30 June	000 1,182	1,574	1,169

MANUFACTURING	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
Basic iron	'000 t 6,188	5,600	6,394
Cement	'000 t 7,075	6,110	5,709
Tobacco and cigarettes	'000 t 27	27	25
Beer	ML 1,939	1,915	1,862
Assembled motor vehicles	'000 413	329	284
Electricity	MkWh 151,907	153,822	156,413
Electric motors	'000 2,528	2,480	2,421
Yarn — cotton	t 20,603	23,781	25,069
Yarn — wool	t 19,758	18,809	18,551

MINING	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
Iron ore and concentrates	'000 t 97,437	(a)109,888	(a)111,415
Black coal, raw	'000 t 184,047	196,089	204,681
Crude oil (incl. condensate)(a)	ML 28,255	31,993	31,955
Natural gas	GL 15,965	(a)20,264	(a)21,109

(a) Source: Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
Gross Domestic Product (GDP)(1)	\$m 369,749	378,413	384,871
Gross farm product	\$m 13,877	11,985	10,075
GDP(A) at 1984-85 prices	\$m 259,204	257,141	258,095
Gross farm product at 1984-85 prices	\$m 8,852	9,456	8,545
Gross fixed capital exp — total	\$m 89,634	81,978	74,432
Gross fixed capital exp — private	\$m 68,338	61,387	53,789
Household income	\$m 294,218	304,944	313,648
Private consumption expenditure	\$m 216,487	228,778	240,006

RETAIL TURNOVER	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
(excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol etc)	\$m 66,659.7	89,094.9	93,685.5

TOURIST ACCOMMODATION	1989	1990	1991
Hotels, motels, etc			
Establishments	no 4,629	4,878	4,874
Rooms available at 31 December	no 145,914	157,156	161,913
Room nights occupied	'000 27,581	28,488	29,358
Room occupancy rate	% 53.4	51.7	50.1
Takings from accommodation	\$m 2,065.0	2,258.1	2,332.2
Caravan parks			
Establishments	no 2,634	2,687	2,698
Sites available	no 280,658	285,555	287,191
Site nights occupied	'000 36,327	36,713	36,382
Short-term caravan parks			
Sites available at 31 December	no 189,038	189,095	190,625
Site occupancy rate	% 27.8	27.8	27.2
Takings from accommodation	\$m 184.7	199.9	213.2
Holiday flats, units and houses			
Letting entities	no 1,333	1,373	1,429
Units available at 31 December	no 32,118	33,402	34,234
Unit nights occupied	'000 5,933	5,808	6,086
Unit occupancy rate	% 50.6	49.2	50.4
Takings from accommodation	\$m 297.1	312.8	345.8

TRANSPORT	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
Motor vehicles on register, June(a)	'000 9,806	10,081	9,934
Cars and station wagons, June	'000 7,442	7,672	7,734
New motor vehicles registered(a)	'000 588	648	563
Civil aviation (passenger km)(b)			
Reg. internal services	mml 113,733	19,990	114,505
Overseas services (Qantas)	mml 26,517	27,055	26,774

(a) Includes motor cycles, excludes tractors, plant and equipment, caravans and trailers. (b) Source: Department of Transport — AVSTATS

WAGES, EARNINGS AND HOURS	1989	1990	1991
Award rates of pay index, full-time adult employees at 30 June 1985=100.0	122.8	130.6	134.0
Earnings & hours (incl. overtime)			
full-time non-managenal adult employees, May			
Av. weekly total earnings	\$ 509.50	537.90	560.50
Hours	no 40.1	39.9	39.5

SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED:

n.a. = not available
 p = preliminary data
 r = revised data

SA = Australian dollars
 Av = average
 Cwith = Commonwealth
 °C = degrees Celsius
 excl. = excluding
 GL = giganlitres
 inc. = including
 MkWh = mega kilowatt hours
 ML = megalitres
 mml = million
 mml = millimetres
 \$m = million dollars
 no = number
 % = percentage
 km² = square kilometres
 t = tonnes

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