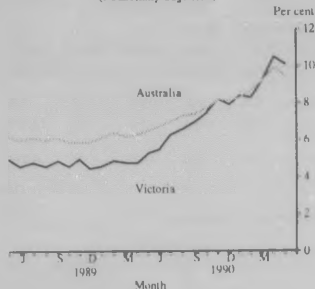


ECONOMIC INDICATORS, VICTORIA, JUNE 1991

MAIN FEATURES

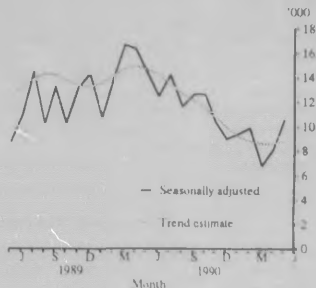
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE OF THE CIVILIAN
POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER
(Seasonally adjusted)



Unemployment rate

The May 1991 seasonally adjusted estimate of the unemployment rate for Victoria fell to 10.1 per cent, a decrease of 0.4 percentage points from the 10.5 per cent in April 1991. The May estimate was 5.3 percentage points above the May 1990 estimate. At the national level the unemployment rate decreased by 0.5 percentage points, from 9.9 per cent in April 1991 to 9.4 per cent in May 1991. The May estimate was 2.9 percentage points above the May 1990 estimate.

NEW MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED,
VICTORIA



Motor vehicle registrations

In seasonally adjusted terms, new motor vehicle registrations for Victoria increased by 28.7 per cent in May 1991 from April 1991 but were 26.9 per cent below registrations for May 1990. The trend estimate for total registrations increased by 2.3 per cent in May 1991 over April 1991, following successive decreases in the rate of decline each month since December 1990. At the national level the successive rate of decline in the trend estimate since December 1990 continued with a 0.8 per cent decrease in May 1991 over April 1991.

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TABLE 1. VICTORIA IN RELATION TO OTHER STATES AND AUSTRALIA (a)

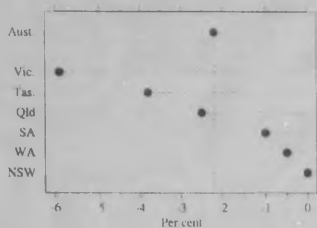
Indicator	Reference period	Victoria as a percentage of							
		N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.(b)	Australia
Employed persons	'000 May 91	2,632.5	1,979.8	1,297.7	657.7	756.3	193.6	7,738.9	25.6
*Unemployment rate									
- seasonally adjusted	per cent May 91	8.3	10.1	10.7	9.6	10.0	11.0	9.4	
Average weekly total earnings									
- all employees (c)	\$ Feb qr 91	515.20	497.40	466.30	465.60	492.70	481.70	496.98	
Consumer price index, all groups (c)	1980-81=100 Mar qr 91	214.6	216.0	210.6	214.6	212.1	208.7	214.1	17.9
*New dwelling units approved	no. May 91	3,718	2,254	3,249	1,103	1,465	409	12,568	19.2
Value of all buildings approved	\$m May 91	830.2	402.4	97.2	123.1	158.0	57.7	2,090.6	
Engineering construction									
- commenced, total	\$m Mar qr 91	1,115.0	407.8	440.3	204.7	502.0	48.0	2,775.9	14.7
- yet to be done, total	\$m Mar qr 91	1,754.2	800.2	1,264.3	271.4	715.2	233.8	5,112.5	15.7
Housing finance for owner occupation	\$m Apr 91	729.4	458.6	338.0	138.9	165.2	33.0	1,928.8	23.8
Retail turnover - trend estimates	\$m Mar qr 91	5,520.0	3,665.9	2,580.0	1,273.8	1,336.1	402.6	15,243.0	24.0
New motor vehicle registrations									
- seasonally adjusted	no. May 91	14,344	10,542	6,497	3,088	3,582		40,479	26.0
Takings, licensed hotels, motels and guest houses with facilities	\$'000 Dec qr 90	214,973	102,732	140,720	35,378	45,635	15,642	585,150	17.6
Exports (excluding re-exports)	\$m Apr 91	902.2	736.6	814.1	294.9	1,222.8	109.5	4,212.9	17.5
Imports	\$m Apr 91	1,731.7	1,244.0	388.2	170.4	300.9	23.3	3,942.7	31.6
*Industrial disputes									
- working days lost per '000 employees	no. Mar 91	279	198	106	236	201	63	208	
Electricity production	million kWh Apr 91	4,343	3,271	2,326	645.0	1,172	739	12,496	26.2
*Actual private new capital expenditure									
- seasonally adjusted	\$m Dec qr 90	2,611	1,413	849	406	1,032	196	6,655	21.2

CHANGE OVER SAME PERIOD PREVIOUS YEAR (PER CENT)

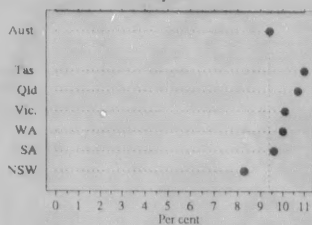
*Employed persons	'000 May 91	0.0	-5.9	2.5	1.0	0.5	3.8	2.2
Unemployment rate								
- seasonally adjusted	per cent n.a.							
Average weekly total earnings								
- all employees (c)	\$ Feb qr 91	7.4	5.9	8.1	3.9	9.4	6.7	6.9
Consumer price index, all groups (c)	1980-81=100 Mar qr 91	4.7	5.3	4.8	6.0	3.9	4.2	4.9
New dwelling units approved	no. May 91	1.0	-19.3	9.2	0.2	11.7	39.6	3.3
Value of all buildings approved	\$m May 91	2.5	-55.5	10.0	-18.5	27.3	7.9	-19.6
Engineering construction								
- commenced, total	\$m Mar qr 91	15.4	-27.0	-6.9	-10.3	83.0	80.1	7.5
- yet to be done, total	\$m Mar qr 91	9.0	12.4	4.7	-20.8	137.5	12.1	11.4
Housing finance for owner occupation	\$m Apr 91	29.6	41.5	49.2	35.2	18.8	26.0	55.2
*Retail turnover - trend estimates	\$m Mar qr 91	-0.6	-6.6	-0.9	3.6	-0.4	5.7	1.3
New motor vehicle registrations								
- seasonally adjusted	no. May 91	-29.2	-26.9	-28.3	12.6	-19.6		-25.4
Takings, licensed hotels, motels and guest houses with facilities	\$'000 Dec qr 90	1.3	8.0	18.8	11.9	10.3	43.4	9.9
Exports (excluding re-exports)	\$m Apr 91	-18.7	26.8	-6.8	8.1	21.2	14.9	-0.9
Imports	\$m Apr 91	-3.3	-1.3	24.9	2.6	16.0	39.3	0.0
Industrial disputes								
- working days lost per '000 employees	no. Mar 91	12.5	-12.0	17.8	268.8	3.1	5.0	10.6
Electricity production	million kWh Apr 91	2.3	8.7	9.2	13.9	6.6	7.1	4.8
*Actual private new capital expenditure								
- seasonally adjusted	\$m Dec qr 90	2.4	-28.6	-15.3	-11.7	2.8	39.0	8.6

(a) All figures are original unless otherwise stated. (b) The Australian total includes figures for N.T. and the A.C.T. (c) Available only for the middle month of the quarter. * An asterisk before a statistical series denotes that a corresponding graph is included in the relevant section.

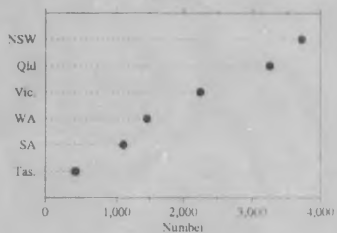
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Change over same period previous year
May 1991



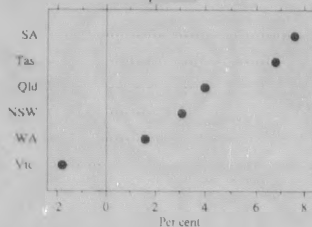
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
Seasonally adjusted
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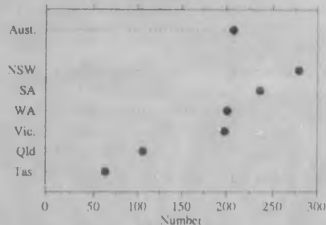
NEW DWELLING UNITS APPROVED
May 1991



RETAIL TURNOVER
Trend estimates
Change over same period previous year
April 1991



INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES
Working days lost per '000 employees
March 1991



PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE
Seasonally adjusted
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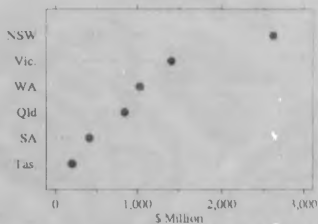


TABLE 2. ECONOMIC INDICATORS, VICTORIA AND AUSTRALIA

Indicator		Reference period	Victoria				Australia				
			Latest period	Preceding period	Over preceding period	Over same period previous year	Latest period	Over preceding period	Victoria as a % of Australia	Source index (a)	
Population -											
Estimated resident population	'000	Dec qr 90	4,406.6	4,393.8	0.3	1.3	17,210.8	0.4	25.6	1	
Civilian population aged 15 years and over	'000	May 91	3,471.2	3,467.9	0.1	1.5	13,469.0	0.1	25.8	2	
Labour force -											
Labour force											
original series	'000	May 91	2,201.3	2,222.7	1.0	0.9	8,551.0	0.6	25.7	2	
seasonally adjusted	'000	May 91	2,193.7	2,207.2	0.6	0.9	8,518.6	0.5	25.8	2	
trend estimate	'000	May 91	2,194.1	2,200.2	0.3	0.9	8,526.9	0.0	25.7	2	
Participation rate - seasonally adjusted	per cent	May 91	63.2	63.6			63.2			2	
*Unemployment rate											
original series	per cent	May 91	10.1	10.7			9.5			2	
seasonally adjusted	per cent	May 91	10.1	10.5			9.4			2	
trend estimate	per cent	May 91	10.1	9.7			9.6			2	
Employed persons by industry (e)											
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, etc (b)	'000	May qr 91	105.9	119.7	11.5	-2.1	514.7	-3.4	20.6	13, 14	
Manufacturing	'000	May qr 91	362.2	373.0	2.9	-5.5	1,124.2	2.8	32.2	13, 14	
Construction	'000	May qr 91	124.5	136.2	8.6	14.7	543.8	4.7	22.9	13, 14	
Wholesale and retail	'000	May qr 91	402.2	432.8	7.1	6.0	1,609.8	1.1	25.0	13, 14	
Transport and storage	'000	May qr 91	95.7	94.7	1.1	0.9	404.1	1.3	23.7	13, 14	
Finance, property and business services	'000	May qr 91	223.5	219.2	2.0	-10.2	904.0	1.9	24.7	13, 14	
Community services (c)	'000	May qr 91	362.4	348.4	4.0	-5.1	1,430.0	4.4	25.3	13, 14	
Recreational, personal and other services	'000	May qr 91	136.1	134.3	1.3	-1.7	612.6	4.3	22.2	13, 14	
Other industries (d)	'000	May qr 91	167.5	164.9	1.6	-2.7	595.8	1.9	28.1	13, 14	
Total all industries	'000	May qr 91	1,974.8	2,023.2	-2.1	5.9	7,738.9	0.0	25.6	13, 14	
Job vacancies (e) - original series	'000	May qr 91	3.8	4.0	-5.0	-11.0	25.1	-13.4	15.1	3	
Overtime (e)											
Average weekly hours per employee	hours	May qr 91	1.04	1.14	8.8	32.0	1.11	5.9		3	
Employees working overtime	per cent	May qr 91	15.0	16.95	7.6	18.8	16.14	-2.1		3	
Average weekly employee earnings (e)											
Full-time adult - total	\$	Feb qr 91	565.50	557.20	1.5	7.4	564.20	1.5		4	
All employees - total	\$	Feb qr 91	497.40	488.20	1.9	5.9	496.90	1.3		4	
Award rates of pay											
Full-time adult employees	June 85-100	Apr 91	134.2	134.1	0.1	3.2	132.4	0.1		5	
Industrial disputes											
Working days lost per '000 employees	no	Mar 91	198	201	-1.5	12.0	208	0.5		6	
*Consumer price index (e)											
All groups	1980-81=100	Mar qr 91	216.0	217.0	0.5	8.3	214.1	0.2		7	
*Retail trade establishments											
Value of turnover											
original series	\$m	Apr 91	1,733.9	1,777.9	-2.5	0.9	7,102.7	-2.3	24.4	8	
trend estimate	\$m	Apr 91	1,817.5	1,821.3	0.1	-1.7	7,489.3	0.2	24.3	8	
seasonally adjusted (1984-85 prices)	\$m	Mar qr 91	1,659.8	1,671.4	0.3	6.7	15,231.5	0.3	24.0	8	
*Overseas trade -											
Imports	\$m	Apr 91	1,244.0	1,247.5	-0.3	1.3	3,942.7	6.5	31.6	9	
Exports (exclude re-exports)	\$m	Apr 91	736.6	779.8	5.5	26.8	4,212.9	2.2	17.5	10	
*Tourism -											
Caravan parks - takings	\$'000	Dec qr 90	16,599	13,404	23.8	5.9	93,195	5.6	17.8	23	
Licensed hotels, motels and guest houses with facilities											
- Takings	\$'000	Dec qr 90	102,732	94,950	8.2	8.0	585,150	0.0	17.6	23	
- Room occupancy rate	per cent	Dec qr 90	46.8	46.8			50.3			23	

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TABLE 2. ECONOMIC INDICATORS, VICTORIA AND AUSTRALIA - (continued)

Indicator	Reference period	Victoria				Australia				Victoria as a % of Australia	Source index (a)	
		Latest period	Preceding period	% Change		Latest period	Preceding period	% Change				
				Over same period	previous year			Over same period	previous year			
*New motor vehicle registrations												
New motor vehicle registrations												
original series	no.	May 91	10,958	8,327	31.6	27.3	44,723	11.0	24.5	11		
seasonally adjusted	no.	May 91	10,542	8,189	28.7	26.9	40,479	4.3	26.0	11		
trend estimate	no.	May 91	8,825	8,624	2.3	39.7	40,374	0.8	21.9			
Cars and station wagons												
original series	no.	May 91	9,511	7,032	35.3	24.7	35,159	10.3	27.1	11, 12		
seasonally adjusted	no.	May 91	9,246	6,979	32.5	24.2	32,305	4.3	28.6	11, 12		
Other motor vehicles (excludes motor cycles)												
original series	no.	May 91	1,437	1,295	11.0	40.8	9,564	13.9	15.0	11, 12		
seasonally adjusted	no.	May 91	1,296	1,209	7.2	41.7	8,174	4.6	15.9	11, 12		
Manufacturing												
Actual private new capital expenditure												
original series	\$m	Dec. qr 90	611	560	9.1	-21.9	2,074	14.5	29.5	15, 16		
Production												
Whole milk	million litres	Feb 91	332	387	-14.2	21.2	531	-13.7	62.5	17, 18		
Butter	tonnes	Mar 91	6,948	8,316	16.5	3.9	7,979	16.2	87.1	19		
Cheese (incl. cheddar and non cheddar)	tonnes	Mar 91	8,480	8,880	-4.5	4.0	13,194	8.2	64.3	19		
Yarns												
Cotton	tonnes	Apr 91	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	1,861	0.4	n.p.	17, 18		
Woolen	tonnes	Apr 91	1,078	1,142	5.6	6.5	1,480	6.3	72.8	17, 18		
Woven fabric												
Cotton	'000 sq m	Apr 91	1,427	946	50.8	34.1	2,968	4.5	48.1	17, 18		
Woolen (includes worsted wool)	'000 sq m	Apr 91	153	177	-13.6	30.5	468	16.0	32.7	17, 18		
Man-made fibres	'000 sq m	Apr 91	4,286	6,706	-36.1	13.4	14,394	-17.4	29.8	17, 18		
Textile floor coverings	'000 sq m	Apr 91	2,850	2,526	12.8	13.7	3,439	8.1	82.9	17, 18		
Clay bricks	million	Apr 91	33	28	17.9	13.2	149	1.4	22.1	17, 18		
Ready mixed concrete	'000 cu m	Apr 91	236	233	1.3	23.1	1,074	-7.3	22.0	20		
Paints and other surface coatings												
Architectural and decorative paints	'000 litres	Mar 91	1,006	1,209	16.8	-40.0	9,299	12.5	10.8	21		
Electricity - production	million kWh	Apr 91	3,271	3,412	-4.1	8.7	12,496	-3.0	26.2	22		
Gas - available for issue through mains	million Mj	Apr 91	15,298	12,238	25.0	6.1	41,775	4.8	36.6	22		
*Actual private new capital expenditure - Building and structures - original series												
Equipment, plant and machinery	\$m	Dec. qr 90	546	665	17.9	34.7	2,874	1.8	19.0	15		
original series	\$m	Dec. qr 90	1,025	1,086	5.8	24.2	4,475	8.3	22.9	15		
Total new capital expenditure	\$m	Dec. qr 90	1,569	1,751	10.4	28.2	7,349	3.9	21.3	15		
original series	\$m	Dec. qr 90	1,413	1,820	22.4	-28.6	6,655	-9.9	21.2	15		
seasonally adjusted	\$m	Dec. qr 90										
*Housing finance for owner occupation - Secured loans to individuals by type of lender												
All Banks												
number of dwelling units financed	no.	Apr 91	4,945	4,575	8.1	25.2	17,654	0.2	28.0	24		
value of loans secured	\$m	Apr 91	372.9	341.8	9.1	36.2	1,383.5	7.4	27.0	24		
Total number of dwelling units financed	no.	Apr 91	6,160	5,195	18.6	31.0	24,750	3.0	24.9	24		
Total value of loans secured (f)	\$m	Apr 91	458.6	385.9	18.8	41.5	1,928.8	8.0	23.8	24		
Loan purpose (g)												
Established dwellings	\$m	Apr 91	349.4	282.5	23.7	51.2	1,421.0	10.8	24.6	24		
Construction of dwellings	\$m	Apr 91	78.2	74.1	5.5	24.7	318.9	2.5	24.5	24		
Newly erected dwellings	\$m	Apr 91	16.9	15.8	7.0	-11.5	106.9	4.0	15.8	24		
Finance												
Personal finance commitments - total	\$m	Apr 91	319.6	326.0	-2.0	-32.2	1,595.4	8.2	20.0	30		
Commercial finance commitments - total	\$m	Apr 91	1,210.6	1,694.9	-28.6	-35.5	6,037.1	14.3	20.1	31		
Lease finance commitments - total	\$m	Apr 91	58.8	95.7	-38.6	-57.1	326.0	-6.7	18.0			

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TABLE 2. ECONOMIC INDICATORS, VICTORIA AND AUSTRALIA - (continued)

Indicator	TABLE 2. ECONOMIC INDICATORS, VICTORIA AND AUSTRALIA										
	Victoria					Australia					
	Reference period	Latest period	Preceding period	Figures		% Change		Latest period	Preceding period	Victoria as a % of Australia	Source index
				Over	Over same period previous year	Over	Over				
Building Approvals -											
*New residential dwelling units											
- original series	no.	May 91	2,254	1,807	24.7	19.3	12,568	25.1	17.9	25, 26	
- seasonally adjusted	no.	May 91	1,965	1,776	10.6	16.4	11,323	10.6	17.4	25, 26	
- trend estimate	no.	May 91	1,829	1,843	-0.8	21.4	10,680	0.9	17.1	25, 26	
Value of non-residential buildings											
- original series	\$m	May 91	171.2	71.6	-17.2	72.4	891.7	58.0	19.2	26	
Value of all buildings (f)											
- original series	\$m	May 91	402.4	258.2	55.8	85.5	2,090.6	37.9	19.2	26	
Building commencements -											
New residential dwelling units, monthly	no.	Apr 91	1,790	1,865	4.0	17.0	n.a.	n.a.		27	
New residential dwelling units, quarterly	no.	Dec qr 90	6,340	6,670	4.9	15.4	31,810	0.1	19.9	28	
Building Activity -											
Value of total building activity											
- Commenced	\$m	Dec qr 90	1,259.6	1,179.0	6.8	31.0	6,098.8	8.1	20.7	28	
- Done	\$m	Dec qr 90	1,843.8	1,974.9	-6.6	11.1	7,390.5	1.5	24.9	28	
- Yet to be done	\$m	Dec qr 90	2,798.3	3,164.0	-11.6	-27.3	11,711.0	-4.4	23.9	28	
Engineering construction -											
Value of work by private sector											
- Commenced	\$m	Mar qr 91	135.4	312.3	56.6	36.2	1,580.7	2.0	8.6	29	
- Done	\$m	Mar qr 91	209.1	225.8	-7.4	13.6	1,392.2	9.6	15.0	29	
- Yet to be done	\$m	Mar qr 91	481.6	551.6	-12.7	2.5	3,283.6	9.2	14.7	29	
Value of work by public sector											
- Commenced	\$m	Mar qr 91	272.3	283.4	-3.9	21.4	1,195.2	0.8	22.8	29	
- Done	\$m	Mar qr 91	293.8	300.7	2.3	12.9	1,346.4	-3.1	21.8	29	
- Yet to be done	\$m	Mar qr 91	318.6	349.1	8.7	45.8	1,829.0	15.0	17.4	29	

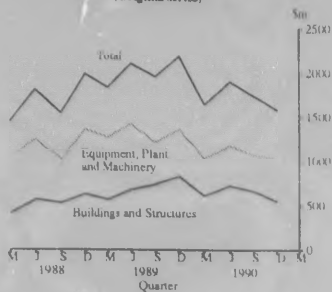
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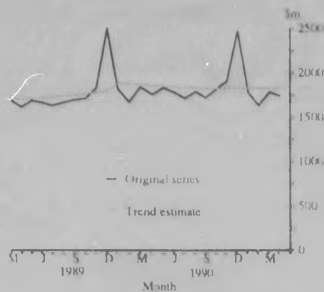
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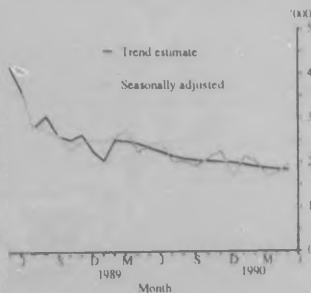
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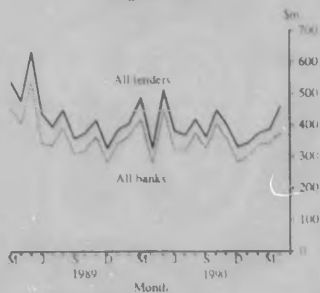
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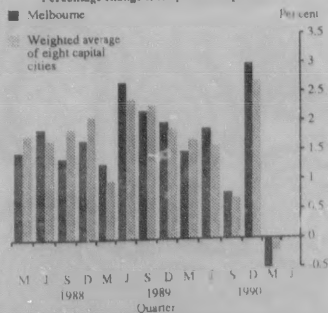
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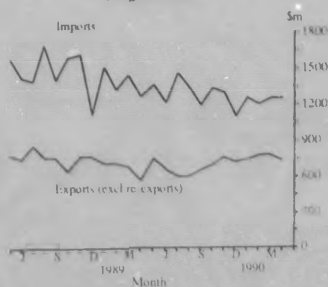
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