

**MONTHLY BUSINESS INDICATORS  
VICTORIA, JULY 1989**

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**ACTUAL PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE**

*State Estimates of Private New Capital Expenditure* (5646.0) (quarterly) (\$7.50)

**EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES**

*Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia* (6302.0) (quarterly) (\$8.00)

*Award Rates of Pay Indexes, Australia* (6312.0) (monthly) (\$8.00)

*Job Vacancies, Australia* (6231.0) (quarterly) (\$3.00)

*Overtime, Australia* (6330.0) (quarterly) (\$3.00)

*The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0) (monthly) (\$12.00)

**PRICES**

*Consumer Price Index* (6401.0) (quarterly) (\$8.00)

*Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other Than House Building, Six State Capital Cities and Darwin* (6407.0) (monthly) (\$8.00)

*Price Index of Materials Used in House Building, Six State Capital Cities* (6408.0) (monthly) (\$3.25)

**BUILDING**

*Building Activity, Australia* (8752.0) (quarterly) (\$11.50)

*Building Approvals, Australia* (8731.0) (monthly) (\$8.00)

**RETAIL TRADE**

*Retail Trade, Australia* (8501.0) (monthly) (\$8.00)

*Information Paper: Introduction of Improved Monthly Retail Trade Statistics* (8511.0)

**PRODUCTION**

*Monthly Summary of Statistics, Victoria* (1303.2) (\$7.50)

**NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS**

*Motor Vehicle Registrations, Australia* (9303.0) (monthly) (\$8.00)

**BANKS**

*Monthly Summary of Statistics, Victoria* (1303.2) (\$7.50)

**HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION**

*Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia* (5609.0) (monthly) (\$7.50)

**OVERSEAS TRADE**

*Exports, Australia, Monthly Summary Tables* (5422.0) (\$7.50)

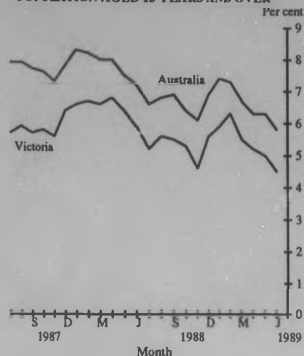
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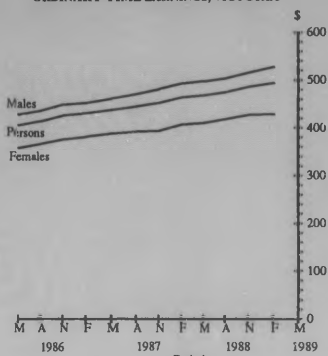
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		Latest figure	One period	Two periods						
		Three periods	one year ago	one year ago						
<b>LABOUR FORCE</b>										
Employed persons - full-time	'000	Jun 89	1,621.4	1,630.6	1,631.2	1,615.6	1,566.6	4.2	6,125.3	4.5
Employed persons - total	'000	Jun 89	2,051.0	2,054.0	2,038.5	2,025.7	1,948.6	5.3	7,720.5	5.0
Unemployed persons looking for work - full-time	'000	Jun 89	69.8	77.1	76.6	84.8	92.0	-24.1	373.2	-17.7
Unemployed persons looking for work - total	'000	Jun 89	96.0	108.5	112.0	117.1	122.9	-21.9	477.4	-16.0
Labour force	'000	Jun 89	2,147.0	2,163.1	2,150.5	2,142.8	2,071.5	3.6	8,197.9	3.5
Participation rate	per cent	Jun 89	63.6	64.1	63.9	63.7	62.3	2.1	62.9	1.0
Unemployment rate	per cent	Jun 89	4.5	5.0	5.2	5.5	5.9	-23.7	5.8	-19.4
Job vacancies	'000	May qtr 89	24.1	21.2	19.5	18.1	18.6	29.6	73.1	25.0
Overtime worked per employee	hours	May qtr 89	1.57	1.52	1.56	1.45	1.54	1.9	1.46	5.8
<b>AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS</b>										
Full-time adult ordinary time earnings - Males	\$	Feb qtr 89	494.90	487.00	475.90	469.30	463.50	6.3	492.30	14.6
Females	\$	Feb qtr 89	528.40	516.60	504.40	498.30	490.30	5.3	431.30	14.8
All employees total earnings	\$	Feb qtr 89	435.10	429.60	417.00	414.90	414.40	5.0	436.30	14.4
Males	\$	Feb qtr 89	512.20	503.30	486.30	483.50	476.30	7.5	511.60	15.1
Females	\$	Feb qtr 89	336.50	333.40	324.60	322.70	326.70	3.0	334.80	15.1
<b>CONSUMER PRICES (a)</b>										
Consumer Price Index, Melbourne (1980-81=100) - Food	index	Mar qtr 89	183.9	182.3	179.5	174.0	167.7	9.7	180.5	9.4
Clothing	index	Mar qtr 89	177.3	177.5	171.2	170.3	163.3	8.6	175.9	7.3
Housing	index	Mar qtr 89	207.3	204.5	193.7	189.1	186.8	11.0	197.7	11.6
Household equipment & operation	index	Mar qtr 89	182.3	181.1	178.6	176.8	174.7	4.4	183.1	5.6
Transportation	index	Mar qtr 89	184.5	181.3	181.1	180.8	180.2	2.4	193.6	2.7
Tobacco & alcohol	index	Mar qtr 89	204.8	201.9	201.9	199.1	195.6	4.7	210.1	5.2
Health & personal care	index	Mar qtr 89	203.7	192.6	192.6	190.8	185.8	9.6	191.1	8.5
Recreation & education (Mar qtr 1982=100)	index	Mar qtr 89	165.4	163.7	161.1	160.6	158.6	4.3	168.2	5.1
All groups	index	Mar qtr 89	188.7	186.2	183.0	180.4	177.1	6.5	188.0	6.8
<b>RETAIL SALES (excl. motor vehicles, etc)</b>										
PRODUCTION	\$m	Apr 89	1,606.4	1,678.3	1,495.8	1,582.4	1,548.1	3.8	6,215.0	8.8
<b>Manufacturing -</b>										
Clay bricks	million	Mar 89	33.1	35.7	25.0	30.3	43.5	-23.9	175	-4.9
Ready mixed concrete	'000 cum	Mar 89	370	403	248	338	362	2.2	1,415	-1.5
Plastics & synthetic resins (b)	'0000 sqm	Mar 89	39,924	37,577	34,447	36,325	42,344	-22.2	45,393	-28.6
Textile floor coverings	'000 sqm	Mar 89	3,004	3,040	2,573	3,042	3,038	-1.1	3,772	-2.4
Cars & station wagons	'000	Mar 89	14.2	13.6	3.2	3.2	13.1	19.7	20.6	-15.0
Yarns - Cotton	tonnes	Mar 89	951	798	159	707	751	26.6	1,014	15.1
- Wool	tonnes	Mar 89	1,284	1,342	638	1,312	1,470	-12.7	1,653	-22.2
Woven fabric - Cotton	'000 sqm	Mar 89	1,421	1,355	332	911	1,765	-19.5	3,033	-12.5
- Woollen (incl. worsted wool)	'000 sqm	Mar 89	514	484	324	398	626	-3.2	673	-22.2
- Man-made fibres	'000 sqm	Mar 89	7,092	7,591	4,247	6,414	7,526	-2.2	15,753	9.3
Electricity	million kWh	Mar 89	3,279	2,967	2,858	2,928	2,538	2.2	12,225	7.0
<b>OVERSEAS TRADE</b>										
Imports	\$m	May 89	1,563.0	1,343.0	1,310.0	1,205.2	1,259.0	24.1	4,665.6	7.6
Exports (excl. re-exports)	\$m	Apr 89	751.9	644.7	763.9	689.9	920.2	-18.3	3,860.3	27.6
<b>BUILDING</b>										
<b>Approvals -</b>										
New houses	No.	May 89	3,821	3,156	2,950	3,032	2,634	45.1	12,177	19.7
New other residential building	No.	May 89	295	200	220	92	347	-15.0	4,975	49.9
Value of all building	\$m	May 89	714.4	592.1	579.6	527.6	631.5	-14.1	3,024.2	18.0
<b>Commencements -</b>										
New houses	No.	Mar qtr 89	8,200	9,190	8,310	7,330	6,720	22.0	30,540	20.4
Value of new houses	\$m	Mar qtr 89	665.6	760.0	652.0	557.0	520.2	28.0	2,430.3	37.7
New other residential buildings	No.	Mar qtr 89	767	782	1,263	1,034	1,298	-40.9	9,833	24.4
Value of new other residential buildings	\$m	Mar qtr 89	45.6	41.7	69.5	54.4	73.1	37.6	737.8	79.2
Value of non-residential building	\$m	Mar qtr 89	1,035.7	961.2	709.2	1,053.8	593.8	74.4	3,813.2	32.6
Value of all building	\$m	Mar qtr 89	1,885.6	1,889.4	1,545.1	1,773.4	1,291.4	46.0	7,403.3	37.8
Work done in period	\$m	Mar qtr 89	1,739.7	1,808.0	1,618.9	1,464.7	1,321.8	31.6	6,520.5	27.1
<b>PRICE INDEXES OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING, MELBOURNE, ALL GROUPS - (c)</b>										
House building (1985-86=100)	index	Apr 89	129.6	128.7	126.8	126.3	117.6	10.2	129.9	10.6
Other than house building (1979-80=100)	index	Apr 89	217.2	215.5	213.1	212.1	198.0	9.7	220.0	8.6
<b>NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS</b>										
Cars & station wagons	No.	Apr 89	10,474	13,877	10,850	8,321	10,007	4.7	43,987	19.7
Other motor vehicles (excl. motor cycles)	No.	Apr 89	8,903	11,810	9,079	6,800	8,520	4.5	34,062	14.7
Motor cycles	No.	Apr 89	1,571	2,067	1,771	1,521	1,487	5.6	9,925	41.0
Other motor cycles	No.	Apr 89	299	586	270	373	322	-7.1	1,508	3.8
<b>BANKS</b>										
Savings - Depositors' balances at end of period	\$m	Apr 89	24,251	23,840	23,727	23,220	21,325	13.7	70,842	20.5
Major trading	\$m	Apr 89	6,217	6,440	6,629	6,396	6,034	3.0	19,732	1.3
Current deposits	\$m	Apr 89	11,308	10,393	9,665	9,288	7,456	51.7	40,394	43.2
Fixed deposits	\$m	Apr 89	15,941	15,226	14,933	14,851	14,703	8.4	53,336	11.9
Advances	\$m	Apr 89	35,428	31,778	34,378	36,517	31,628	12.0	190,567	34.3
<b>HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION</b>										
Secured commitments to individuals - Savings banks	\$m	Apr 89	473.8	536.5	509.4	453.6	467.9	1.3	1,686.1	-5.9
Trading banks	\$m	Apr 89	363.6	399.1	385.7	340.4	352.1	3.3	1,198.0	0.6
Permanent building societies	\$m	Apr 89	39.9	54.9	45.7	36.1	24.4	61.5	230.5	21.7
Other lenders	\$m	Apr 89	38.1	43.0	47.6	45.3	38.2	34.5	167.5	-49.9
Other lenders	\$m	Apr 89	32.7	39.5	30.4	31.7	33.4	-2.1	100.1	18.2
<b>ACTUAL NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (e)</b>										
Manufacturing	\$m	Dec qtr 88	1,970	1,523	1,786	1,426	1,716	14.8	7,511	14.4
Finance	\$m	Dec qtr 88	547	790	592	626	133	2,023	20.3	
New building and structures	\$m	Dec qtr 88	543	502	486	425	541	0.4	2,087	15.2
Other new capital equipment	\$m	Dec qtr 88	620	518	553	402	537	15.5	2,769	15.6
Other new capital equipment	\$m	Dec qtr 88	1,350	1,006	1,233	1,024	1,179	14.5	4,742	13.8

(a) The Australian figures for the CPI are the weighted average of eight capital cities figures. (b) For moulding, extrusion, laminating and calendaring only. (c) The Australian figures for the Price Indexes of Materials used in Building are the weighted average of six state capital cities figures. (d) All trading banks, and excluding debits to Commonwealth and State Government accounts at branches in the City of Melbourne. (e) By private enterprises.

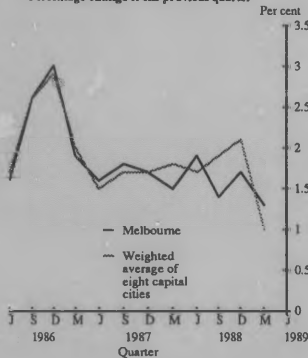
**UNEMPLOYMENT RATE OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER**



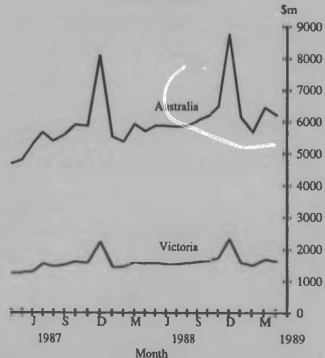
**FULL-TIME ADULT AVERAGE WEEKLY ORDINARY TIME EARNINGS, VICTORIA**



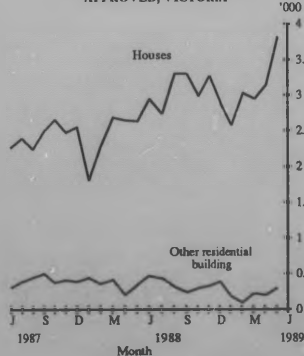
**CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: ALL GROUPS**  
Percentage change from previous quarter



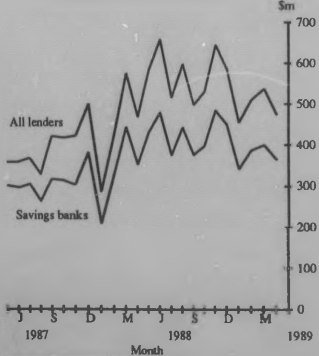
**TURNOVER OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS**

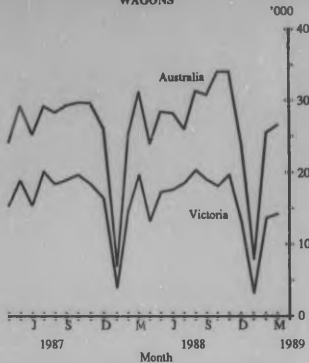
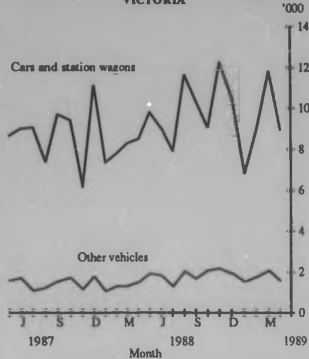
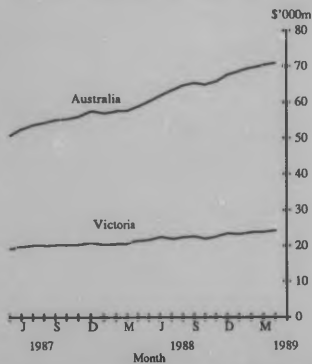
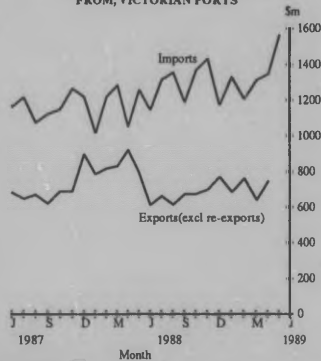


**NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS APPROVED, VICTORIA**



**SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS TO INDIVIDUALS, VICTORIA**



**PRODUCTION OF CARS AND STATION  
WAGONS**

**NEW MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED,  
VICTORIA**

**SAVINGS BANKS: DEPOSITORS' BALANCES**

**VALUE OF IMPORTS INTO, AND EXPORTS  
FROM, VICTORIAN PORTS**

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