



1988

# AUSTRALIA

*at a glance*



Australian Bureau of Statistics



## OVERSEAS TRANSACTIONS

1986-87 1985-86 1984-87

<b>Foreign trade</b>				
Total exports, f.o.b.	\$ m	29 708	32 818	35,783
Total imports	"	29 049	34 691	37,022
Percentage of total exports to—	%			
Japan	"	28.9	28.4	25.4
E.E.C.	"	13.0	14.1	15.7
Percentage of total imports from—	"			
Japan	"	22.7	23.8	20.9
U.S.A.	"	22.1	21.0	21.9
<b>Major export commodities, f.o.b.</b>				
Wool (greasy)	\$ m	1 981	2 286	2,840
Meat (fresh, chilled, frozen)	"	1 374	1 701	2,249
Wheat	"	2 857	2 969	2,168
Machinery and transport equipment	"	1 479	1 618	2,613
Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	"	4 678	4 855	4,853
Coal, coke and briquettes	"	4 665	5 252	5,456
Sugar	"	576	616	634
<b>Major import commodities</b>				
Machinery	"	8 246	10 765	11,357
Transport equipment	"	3 654	4 377	4,065
Chemicals and related products	"	2 549	3 024	3,472
<b>Balance of payments</b>				
Balance on current account	\$ m	-11,075	-14,539	-13,230
Balance of merchandise trade	"			
(B.O.P. basis)	"	-881	-3,422	-1,768
Net services	"	-3,988	-3,889	-2,886
Net income	"	-6,568	-8,060	-9,924
Net unrequited transfers	"	362	832	1,348
Balance on capital account	"	11,819	14,780	10,715
Total official	"	5,253	7,550	2,385
Total non-official	"	6,566	7,230	8,330

## TRANSPORT

Motor vehicles on register, June(s)	'000	9,118	9,291	9,374
Cars and station wagons, June	"	6,843	6,985	7,073
New motor vehicles registered(s)	"	721	648	492
Civil aviation (passenger km)				
Regular internal services	mil	10,413	11,277	12,042
Overseas services (Australian airline)	"	16,859	18,233	n a

## BUILDING

New houses (number completed)	'000	111.8	108.2	91.5
New other dwellings (number completed)	"	30.6	32.3	28.2
Value of new dwellings completed	\$ m	6,659	7,317	6,790
Value of other buildings completed	"	5,129	7,162	7,742

(a) Includes motor cycles, excludes tractors, plant and equipment, caravans and trailers

Notes: Figures relate to 1 July-30 June unless otherwise indicated

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		N.S.W.	Q.L.D.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.	
Area	'000 sq km	802	228	1 727	984	2 526	68	1 346	2	7 682
Population (June 1987)	'000	5 806.3	4 207.7	2 675.3	1 393.8	1 496.1	449.1	158.4	263.2	16 248.8
Crops (area sown) 1986-87	'000 hectares	5 370	2 275	3 013	3 112	5 927	80	10	1	19 788
Numbers at 31/3/87—Sheep and lambs	mil.	51.1	25.8	14.5	17.3	33.4	4.9	—	—	147.0
Cattle and calves	"	4.8	3.3	9.1	0.9	1.6	0.5	—	—	22.0
Output										
Wool (greasy basis) 1986-87	'000 tonnes	287.4	196.2	75.0	112.8	188.8	26.3	—	—	887.0
Wheat for grain 1986-87	"	4 765	2 761	899	2 346	5 373	5	—	—	16 139
Beef and veal 1986-87	"	361	310	592	82	95	39	22	6	1 513
Mutton and lamb 1986-87	"	173	205	27	76	72	20	—	9	584
Whole milk intake by factories 1986-87	m litres	902	3 692	604	369	248	347	—	—	6 182
Copper (metallic content) 1985-86	'000 tonnes	27	—	169	11	n.p.	27	n.p.	—	242
Iron ore and concentrates 1985-86	"	—	—	—	1 676	92 990	n.p.	—	—	n.p.
Tin concentrate 1985-86	tonnes	2 479	—	2 303	—	679	8 243	n.p.	—	n.p.
Coal (saleable) 1985-86	'000 tonnes	64 081	35 469	63 997	2 182	3 765	330	—	—	134 355
Crude oil (incl. condensate) 1985-86	mega litres	—	25 766	1 726	2 221	1 769	—	187	—	31 669
Natural gas 1985-86	giga litres	—	5 506	614	6 295	2 928	—	31	—	14 274
Gross value of production										
Agriculture 1986-87	\$ m	4 753	4 018	3 427	1 828	2 568	439	123	(a)6	(a)17 161
Fishing 1985-86	"	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	76	139	59	29	—	(b)303
Value added	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Mining 1985-86	"	2 155	3 070	3 105	1 019	2 970	154	481	3	12 955
Manufacturing 1984-85(c)	"	14 060	13 164	4 386	3 095	2 513	938	129	113	38 387
Income per head of mean population 1985-86	\$	12 986	12 956	11 066	11 868	11 551	10 999	12 962	15 077	12 420

(a) Excludes milk and eggs in the A.C.T. (b) Excludes N.S.W., Vic. and Qld. (c) Excludes single establishment manufacturing enterprises with fewer than four persons employed at end of year.  
n.p. Not available for separate publication (but included in totals where applicable). n.a. Not available. n.y.s. Not yet available.

Capital cities		Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra
Population (June 1986)	'000	3 472.7	2 931.9	1 196.0	1 003.8	1 050.4	178.9	74.8	281.0
Average annual rainfall	mm	1 214	655	1 151	528	873	628	1 661	626
Average daily hours of sunshine	"	6.7	5.7	7.5	6.9	7.9	5.8	8.5	7.2
Temperature									
January, average maximum	°C	25.5	25.8	29.4	29.5	29.6	21.4	31.7	27.6
average minimum	"	18.4	14.0	20.7	16.4	17.7	11.6	24.7	13.1
July, average maximum	"	15.9	13.3	20.4	15.0	17.3	11.5	30.3	11.1
average minimum	"	7.9	5.7	9.5	7.3	9.0	4.4	19.2	-0.3

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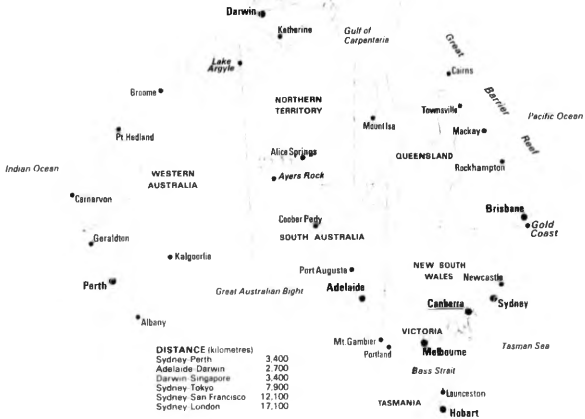
<i>Country</i>	<i>Estimated Population (millions)</i>	<i>Surface Area (km<sup>2</sup> ('000s))</i>	<i>Population density (per sq km of surface area)</i>
<b>Australia</b>	<b>16.02</b>	<b>7,682.3</b>	<b>2</b>
Canada	25.61	9,976.1	3
France	55.39	547.0	100
Germany (Fed. Rep. of)	61.05	248.6	245
Italy	57.22	301.2	190
Japan	121.49	372.3	320
Netherlands	14.56	40.8	355
New Zealand	3.38	268.7	12
Sweden	8.37	450.0	19
United Kingdom	56.76	244.0	228
U.S.A.	241.60	9,372.6	26

<i>Country</i>	<i>Birth rate (per 1000)</i>	<i>Life expectancy at birth</i>		<i>Consumer price index 1980 = 100.0</i>
		<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	
<b>Australia</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>72.77</b>	<b>79.13</b>	<b>148.9</b>
Canada	14.8	71.88	78.98	162.4
France	14.1	70.42	78.38	162.0
Germany (Fed. Rep. of)	10.2	70.84	77.47	120.7
Italy	10.1	70.61	77.19	201.5
Japan	11.5	74.54	80.18	115.2
Netherlands	12.7	72.99	79.54	122.9
New Zealand	16.3	71.19	77.67	199.6
Sweden	12.2	73.84	79.89	160.3
United Kingdom	13.3	71.61	77.59	146.3
U.S.A.	15.5	71.00	78.30	133.1

Sources: For foreign countries: United Nations Demographic Year Book 1985  
 United Nations Monthly Bulletin of Statistics November 1987  
 OECD Main Economic Indicators, 1987

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**DISTANCE** (kilometres)

Sydney Perth	3,400
Adelaide Darwin	2,700
Darwin Singapore	3,400
Sydney Tokyo	7,900
Sydney San Francisco	12,100
Sydney London	17,100