

Abbreviations

AAA	Australian Automobile Association
AACAP	Army Aboriginal Community Assistance Program
ABARE	Australian Bureau of Agriculture and Resource Economics
ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ACT	Australian Capital Territory
ADF	Australian Defence Force
ADG	Airport Development Group
ADSL	Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line
AFMA	Australian Fisheries Management Authority
AFP	Australian Federal Police
APIN	Army Presence in the North
APS	Australia Post Relocation Survey
AQIS	Australian Quarantine Inspection Service
ASEAN	Association of South East Asian Nations
AWE	average weekly earnings
A\$	Australian dollar
B	billion
BIT	Backing Indigenous Telecommunications
Cat. No.	catalogue number
CDEP	Community Development Employment Project
CDU	Charles Darwin University
CGC	Commonwealth Grants Commission
CMS	Comprehensive Maintenance Services
CPI	Consumer Price Index
DFD	domestic final demand
DHA	Defence Housing Australia
DHF	Department of Health and Families
DSD	Defence Support Division
e	estimate
EBA	enterprise bargaining agreement
ERA	Energy Resources Australia
ERP	estimated resident population
EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone
f	forecast
FaHCSIA	Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
FANC	French Armed Forces – New Caledonia
FHOG	First Home Owner Grant
FIFO	fly-in fly-out
FTE	full-time equivalent
GDP	gross domestic product
GEMCO	Groote Eylandt Mining Company
GSP	gross state product
GST	goods and services tax

HMAS	Her Majesty's Australian Ship
HQNORCOM	Headquarters Northern Command
ICT	information and communications technology
IEP	Indigenous Employment Program
JORN	Jindalee Operational Radar Network
JPDA	Joint Petroleum Development Area
LFS	Labour Force Survey
LHS	left hand side
LNG	liquefied natural gas
LPG	liquefied petroleum gas
LPI	Labour Price Index
M	million
NOM	Net Overseas Migration
NORFORCE	North West Mobile Force
NSW	New South Wales
NT	Northern Territory
NTER	Northern Territory Emergency Response
NTPS	Northern Territory Public Sector
OECD	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
OPEC	Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries
Qld	Queensland
RAAF	Royal Australian Air Force
RAN	Royal Australian Navy
RAR	Royal Australian Regiment
RBA	Reserve Bank of Australia
REIA	Real Estate Institute of Australia
REINT	Real Estate Institute of the Northern Territory
RHS	right hand side
SA	South Australia
SFD	state final demand
SIHIP	Strategic Indigenous Housing Infrastructure Program
STCRC	Sustainable Tourism Cooperative Research Centre
T	trillion
Tas	Tasmania
TFR	total fertility rate
TGVA	Tourism Gross Value Added
TMS	Territory mobility survey
US, USA	United States of America
US\$	United States dollar
Vic	Victoria
WA	Western Australia
WPI	Wage Price Index

Glossary

Broadband

An 'always on' internet connection which has an access speed equal to or greater than 256 kilobits per second (kbps). Broadband has the capacity to accommodate audio, video and data channels simultaneously.

Chain Volume Measure

Chain volume measures provide estimates of real change by factoring in changing price relativities from year to year.

Confidence Interval

Confidence intervals represent the likelihood that a value lies within an identified range of estimates.

Confidence intervals are constructed using an estimate and its associated standard error.

Consumer Price Index

A general indicator of the prices paid by household consumers for a specific basket of goods and services in one period, relative to the cost of the same basket in a base period.

Constant Dollars

Used to remove the impact of price changes (inflation) in time series data. In the base year, current prices equal constant prices. To convert current dollar values to constant dollar values, it is necessary to deflate or inflate by the appropriate inflation index number.

Current Dollars

A measure that is not adjusted for inflation or changes in the purchasing power of money. Current dollars specify the value at a certain time and are not used to compare values over a series of time periods.

Dwelling Unit

A self-contained suite of rooms, including cooking and bathing facilities, intended for long-term residential use.

Employed

Persons 15 years and older who worked for one hour or more in the week that the resident employment survey was conducted.

Final Consumption Expenditure

The value of purchases of goods and services for consumption by households and government. Excludes the purchases of fixed assets, intermediate goods or the additions to inventories. Intermediate goods are those used as inputs for making other goods.

Goods and Services Tax

In July 2000, the Commonwealth introduced a 10 per cent tax on goods and services (GST), replacing the previous wholesale sales tax regime. Some items like basic food, health, education and exports are GST free.

Gross Domestic Product

The total value of goods and services produced in Australia over the period for final consumption.

Intermediate goods, or those used in the production of other goods, are excluded. Gross domestic product can either be calculated by summing total output, total income or total expenditure.

Gross Fixed Capital Formation

Additions to the stock of real capital by the private and public sectors. Real capital represents assets, except land and natural resources, which are capable of producing income (for example, new and second-hand buildings, plant and equipment, and roads).

Gross State Product

Similar to gross domestic product, except that it measures the total value of goods and services produced in a jurisdiction. It is the sum of all income, namely, wages, salaries and profits, plus indirect taxes less subsidies.

It can also be calculated by measuring expenditure, where it is the sum of state final demand and international and interstate trade, changes in the level of stocks, and a balancing item.

Labour Force

All persons 15 years and over who are available for work, that is, employed plus unemployed persons actively seeking work. Excludes defence force personnel and non-residents.

Labour Price Index

A measure of the change in the price of labour. This includes wages and salaries, overtime, bonuses, annual and public holiday leave, superannuation, payroll tax and workers' compensation.

Miscellaneous Goods and Services

Includes items such as personal care, jewellery, watches and clocks and health insurance.

Moving Annual Total

A method used to smooth data. These smoothing methods iron out the short-term fluctuations in the data by averaging observations collected over a 12-month period.

Nominal Terms

Where data is not adjusted for inflation or the change in purchasing power of money.

Original Terms

Data in original terms is basic, raw data as collected in a survey or a census. It is not adjusted for seasonality, or smoothed to remove irregularities to form a trend series.

Participation Rate

The proportion of the population over 15 years of age that are working or looking for work.

Private Business Investment

Private fixed capital formation for non-residential buildings and structures, machinery and equipment, livestock, intangible fixed assets and ownership transfer costs before depreciation.

Relative Standard Error

The relative standard error is the standard error expressed as a proportion of the estimate. This measure provides an immediate indication of the percentage error likely to have occurred due to sampling.

Sample Error

Sample error is the difference between estimate obtained from a particular sample and the value that would be obtained if the whole population was enumerated under the same procedures.

Seasonally Adjusted Terms

The seasonally adjusted series is a time series of estimates with the effects of normal seasonal variation removed, that is, those fluctuations that exhibit a regular pattern at a particular time of year. Seasonally adjusted terms allow the effects of other non-seasonal influences on the series to be more clearly recognised.

Standard Error

The standard error of an estimate is a measure of the variation in the estimate from all possible samples, and therefore is a measure of the precision with which an estimate from a particular sample approximates the average over all possible samples.

State Accounts

An Australian Bureau of Statistics framework and methodology for measuring economic growth (see gross domestic product, gross state product and state final demand).

State Final Demand

Final consumption expenditure plus gross fixed capital formation in each jurisdiction. It represents the total expenditure on consumption and investment in a jurisdiction.

Terms of Trade

The ratio of export prices to import prices. An improvement in the terms of trade occurs when export prices rise relative to import prices. It has a significant influence on the value of a country's currency.

Trend Terms

The trend series is used to analyse the underlying behaviour of a series over time. Trend terms are derived by smoothing the seasonally adjusted series so as to reduce the impact of any irregular components of that series.

Unemployed

Persons 15 years and older who were not employed during the week of the labour force survey and were actively looking for work in the last four weeks.

Unemployment Rate

The number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the labour force.

Visitor

Tourism Research Australia defines a visitor as someone who has stayed in a place at least 40 kilometres from their usual place of residence for at least one night, but who is away from home for less than 12 months. An international visitor is defined as an overseas arrival who stayed in Australia for less than 12 months.

Vacancy Rate

The key measure of availability of rental accommodation is the vacancy rate, or the proportion of vacant dwellings available for rent.

Wage Price Index

A measure of the change in the price of wage costs over time, unaffected by the change in the quality or quantity of work performed. It excludes non-wage costs such as superannuation, payroll tax and workers' compensation.

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