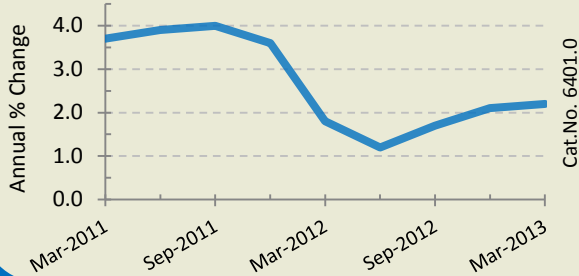


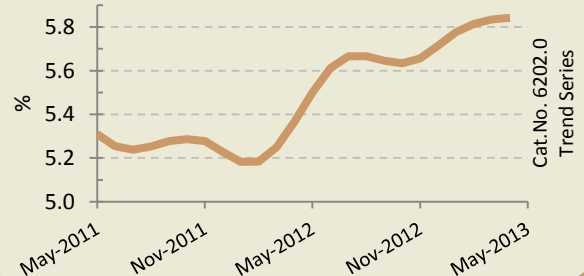
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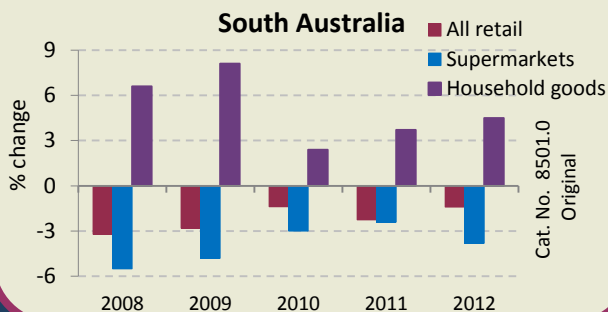
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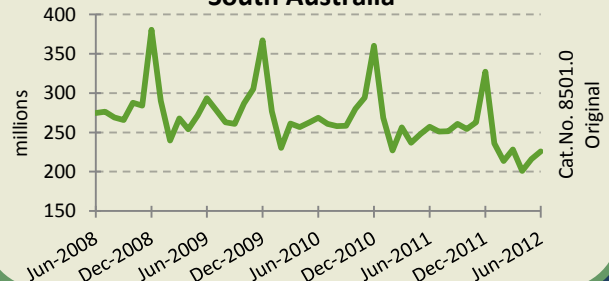
Unemployment South Australia



Retail Turnover – May to June



Retail Turnover – Household Goods South Australia



New and interesting @ ABS

- New **Australian Health Survey** results are out! They include data about health risk factors like smoking and BMI, selected long term health conditions, and blood pressure.
- Volunteers **generously share their public holiday** with the Queen. The 2011 Census tells us that **nearly 1 in 5 South Aussies lent a hand** by volunteering through organisations and groups in the 12 months prior to the Census. Let them eat cake.
- The latest **National Regional Profile** has been released!
- Didn't make it to **NatStats 2013**? Well, NatStats 2013 now comes to you. You can now **stream fully captioned conference sessions**. Standouts include "The game is changing" and "From big data to knowledge".
- You spoke, we listened: read all about Australia's collective aspirations for national progress in the **Measures of Australia's Progress consultation results**, including details of **state and territory contributions** (cat. no. 1370.0.00.002)

Bag a bargain

As the end of the financial year looms, consumers stir from their wintery doldrums and tackle the sales - or do they? For the last 5 years, SA total (original) retail turnover has decreased during June. The June 2012 retail turnover was \$20 million or 1.4% less than the previous month.

However, when looking at this data by industry, some interesting patterns are revealed. Supermarket and grocery stores are the main retailers who missed out in June, trading 3.8% less in June 2012 than in the previous month. Clothing and footwear retailers were also disappointed over the last 5 years, with an average downturn of around \$10 million, or 9.6%.

However, retailers selling furniture, home wares and textiles, and electrical/electronic goods increased their turnovers from May to June. In 2012, these retailers sold \$10.3 million more in June than in the previous month. End of year prices on new cars also seem to tempt consumers, with June 2012 new vehicle sales 21.6% higher than those in May.

So while South Australia's overall retail sector experiences a decline in June, spending patterns on household items, such as furniture and electrical goods, and motor vehicles defy this trend (**cat. no. 8501.0**).

ABS.Stat is where it's at

ABS.Stat is a free interactive online tool that presents data in a searchable, flexible and dynamic way, allowing users to create and export custom tables.

It can be accessed via a web browser interface, where you can view, query and download data; and a web services interface, which allows machine-to-machine sharing of data. A **number of datasets** are now available in ABS.Stat.

ABS.Stat is currently in beta testing, allowing you to preview it and provide the ABS with feedback as we work to enhance the tool.

For more info check out the **ABS.Stat - Beta User Guide** (cat. no. 1407.0.55.001)

Interested in economic data?

Would you like to know more about the whole **National Accounts** and **State Accounts** shebang?

Well, it's your lucky week. Some of our National Accounts specialists will be in Adelaide presenting an **Overview of State and National Accounts** to interested ABS clients.

The session will cover key concepts, including expenditure, income and production approaches to estimating gross domestic product (GDP) and income accounts for selected sectors, on a national level. This will be followed by estimates of South Australian state final demand.

When: Thurs 20 June, 2:00-3:15pm

Where: Level 9, 11 Waymouth St, Adelaide

If you would like to attend this session, **please RSVP by email** as soon as possible.

Q: Why doesn't the ABS produce interstate trade statistics?

A: We would if we could! But as yet the gentle art of producing reliable interstate trade estimates and measuring changes to state producers' inventories eludes us*. Any attempt to derive gross state product figures on the basis of known expenditure (GSP(E)) is therefore incomplete.

Luckily, there's a workaround. GSP(E) is assumed to be equal to the gross state product that is derived on an income basis (GSP(I)), and a derived balancing item is added. The balancing item is an imputed figure representing both interstate trade and changes in inventories.

So, for seekers of interstate trade estimates, that's the best we can do. For a more detailed explanation, check out **National Accounts: Concepts, Sources & Methods**.

** Queenslanders enjoy their own Interstate Trade publication (cat. no. 8502.3). Further info about how those statistics are compiled can be found in the **Explanatory Notes**.*

National Regional Profile

The **National Regional Profile** is a great place to find data for your area based on a variety of geographies, from state/territory right down to Local Government Areas.

The **latest NRP update** contains nearly 400 wide ranging data items from the ABS and the other sources, from business counts to personal income and water use on farms. A completely new series includes data on land use and dynamic land cover.

You can find your area using a map, list or address search, and then data is just one click away.

Statistics are fun! (Yes, really).

If you have an iPhone or iPad you can have fun with statistics wherever you go if you download our free apps.

Run That Town is a fun strategy game with a twist which lets you take control of any neighbourhood in Australia using our latest Census data. And the **ABS Stats** app places key indicators, Census data and a population clock at your finger tips. Check them out!



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