

The *Australian National Accounts: National Income, Expenditure and Product (ABS 5206.0)* reports state final demand and its components together with international trade in goods. These measures only provide a partial measure of overall economic activity.

#### Main Features

- Growth in Queensland's state final demand (SFD) remained above the national average in September quarter 2003, rising 1.4% compared with national growth of 0.9%.
- Trend data show that growth in SFD has strengthened slightly from 1.2% in March quarter 2003, to 1.4% in the September quarter (see Chart 1). In comparison, national growth in domestic final demand (DFD) has eased, with DFD increasing 0.9% in the September quarter, after rising 1.0% in the June quarter (also see Chart 1).

#### Commentary (trend terms)

- *Household consumption* grew by 2.2% in September quarter 2003 (nationally, up 1.3%) and was the major contributor to growth in SFD, contributing 1.2% points to the 1.4% growth in SFD over the quarter. Over the year to September quarter 2003, household consumption in Queensland rose 6.7% (nationally, up 4.2%).
- *Private investment* grew by 2.1% in September quarter 2003, following similar growth in the previous two quarters.

Growth in *dwelling investment* strengthened for the second consecutive quarter, to 2.4%, and contributed 0.2% point to SFD growth in the quarter. It should be noted that both the growth in and level of dwelling investment may be understated as the ABS has yet to incorporate the recent upward revision of the number of dwelling approvals in Queensland into dwelling investment.

Growth in *business investment* moderated further in the September quarter, rising 1.1% following the 1.5% growth in the previous quarter. While investment in machinery and equipment rose 3.5%, investment in other buildings and structures declined 4.8% over the quarter. As a whole, business investment contributed 0.1% point to growth in SFD.

- *Public final demand* detracted 0.2% point from SFD growth in the September quarter.
- *Exports of goods overseas* fell 2.9% (nationally, down 1.3%) and *imports of goods overseas* rose 7.0% (nationally, up 2.1%) in September quarter 2003.

#### Explanatory Note:

The Queensland results from the ABS Australian National Accounts: National Income, Expenditure and Product should be used with caution, and only for broad comparative purposes with respect to other individual state performances, and not for the assessment of the recent performance of the Queensland economy or for assessment of Queensland's comparative performance with the rest of Australia. The *Queensland State Accounts*, prepared by the Office of the Queensland Government Statistician, should be used for the latter purposes as they provide a more comprehensive coverage of Queensland's economic performance.

Table 1  
State and National Growth  
Real Quarterly Growth (%) – Trend

	QLD	AUST
<b>Chain Volume Measure</b>		
Household consumption	2.2	1.3
Public consumption	0.8	0.5
Private investment	2.1	1.2
Public investment	-7.3	-3.3
<b>Final Demand (State/National)</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>0.9</b>
International exports of goods	-2.9	-1.3
International imports of goods	7.0	2.1

Note: Chain volume measures are not strictly additive. As such, there may be discrepancies associated with calculations based on the sum of components.

Chart 1  
Real State/Domestic Final Demand  
Quarterly Growth – Trend

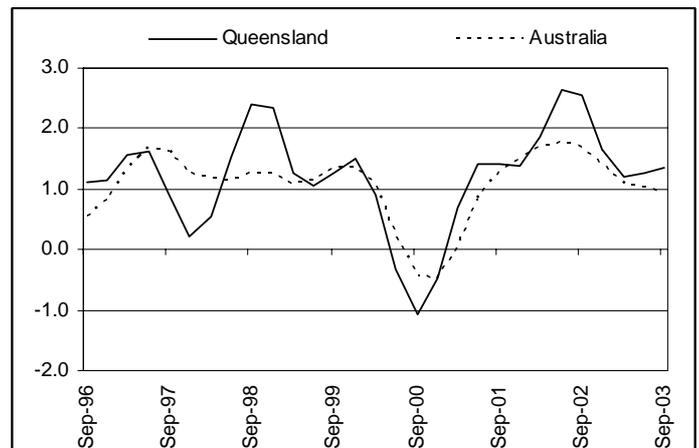


Table 2  
Interstate Growth Comparison  
Real State/Domestic Final Demand (trend)

	Quarterly % Change	Annual % Change
QLD	1.4	5.6
NSW	0.6	4.1
VIC	0.5	2.8
SA	1.4	6.1
WA	1.8	8.2
TAS	1.0	4.5
<b>AUST</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>4.5</b>