

AN OVERVIEW OF WA

WA INSIGHTS

Key categories	Level this quarter	Compared with decade average
Dwelling commencements	4,101	-29.0%
Unemployment	6.4%	24.2%
Population growth	0.84%	-55.6%
Economic growth	\$307,193m	7.8%
Equipment investment	\$2,324m	-7.0%
Housing finance	5,099	-19.1%
Retail spending	\$8,424m	5.8%
Construction work	\$6,855m	-40.6%

Western Australia is seventh or eighth on all indicators except equipment spending (sixth). In fact equipment spending has been growing in annual terms for 18 months.