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2006 TASMANIA AT A GLANCE



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The island State of Tasmania lies off the south-east corner of the Australian mainland.

The area of the State, including the smaller islands, is 68,102 km² or about 0.9% of the total area of Australia. It is separated from the mainland by Bass Strait, which averages 240 kilometres in width. The remaining coastline is bounded by the Southern Ocean on the south and west and the Tasman Sea on the east. At its greatest length, Tasmania spans some 296 kilometres from north to south; at its greatest width, it is 315 kilometres from the eastern coast to the western coast.



AGRICULTURE

		2003-04	2004-05
Livestock numbers			
Milk cattle (excluding house cows)	'000	r 189	p 187
Meat cattle	'000	r 496	p 534
Sheep and lambs	'000	r 3 183	p 3 253
Pigs	'000	14	p 14
Production of			
Red meat (carcass weight)	tonnes	74 134	75 584
Milk(a)	million litres	r 590	600
Wool(b)	tonnes	13 138	10 881
Barley for grain	tonnes	r 28 000	p 30 000
Apples	tonnes	r 40 600	p 49 000
Beans, french and runner	tonnes	12 476	nya
Peas, green (processing)	tonnes	28 537	nya
Onions	tonnes	64 743	nya
Potatoes	tonnes	327 608	nya
Gross value	\$m	r 856.9	p 937.2

(a) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation.
(b) Wool received by brokers and dealers.

BUILDING APPROVALS

		2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Dwelling units				
Houses	no.	1 973	2 697	2 387
Other dwellings	no.	172	444	329
Total	no.	2 145	3 141	2 716
Residential buildings approved value(a)	\$m	262.0	r 458.3	437.9
Non-residential buildings approved value(a)	\$m	201.5	r 187.0	320.1

(a) Includes alterations and additions valued at \$50,000 or more.

CLIMATE 2005(a)

		Launceston	Hobart
Total rainfall	mm	749	670
Rain days	no.	155	152
Mean daily maximum temperature	°C	18.5	17.6
Mean daily minimum temperature	°C	7.6	9.2
Highest temperature	°C	30.6	36.6
Lowest temperature	°C	-3.1	1.1
Mean daily sunshine	hrs	na	6.7

(a) Observations taken at Battery Point in Hobart and Ti Tree Bend in Launceston, except sunshine which is taken at the respective airports.

EDUCATION

		2003	2004	2005
Schools				
Government	no.	214	214	213
Non-government	no.	67	66	66
Students				
Government	no.	61 157	r 60 987	60 605
Non-government	no.	21 219	21 577	21 899
University (total enrolments)	no.	14 506	15 901	16 164
Maritime College (total enrolments)	no.	r 2 725	r 2 873	1 617
Vocational Education and Training (VET) (total enrolments)	no.	54 814	57 682	58 591

FINANCE

		2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
State Government				
Revenue				
Taxation revenue	\$m	544	610	669
Current grants and subsidies	\$m	1 783	1 962	2 073
Other revenue	\$m	1 826	1 907	2 043
Total revenue	\$m	4 153	4 479	4 785
Expenses				
Gross operating expenses	\$m	3 031	3 259	3 438
Interest expenses	\$m	380	398	386
Other expenses	\$m	529	505	684
Total expenses	\$m	3 939	4 162	4 507
Government Finance Statistics (GFS) Net Operating Balance \$m				
		214	317	277
Local Government				
Revenue				
Taxation revenue	\$m	175	184	199
Current grants and subsidies	\$m	72	74	88
Other revenue	\$m	260	288	307
Total revenue	\$m	506	546	593
Expenses				
Gross operating expenses	\$m	484	503	545
Interest expenses	\$m	14	15	14
Other expenses	\$m	14	14	6
Total expenses	\$m	512	533	564
GFS Net Operating Balance	\$m	-6	13	29

FOREIGN TRADE

		2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Total imports	\$m	763	669	600
Total exports	\$m	2 453	2 317	2 639
Exports to				
The Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN)	\$m	304	228	264
European Community	\$m	220	121	98
Japan	\$m	588	590	712
United States of America	\$m	231	275	222

INDUSTRY OF EMPLOYED PERSONS — November

Industry		2003	2004	2005
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	'000	17.1	16.9	15.5
Mining	'000	2.1	2.5	2.8
Manufacturing	'000	21.3	21.9	24.3
Electricity, gas & water supply	'000	2.3	2.7	2.2
Construction	'000	12.0	17.0	15.3
Wholesale & retail trade	'000	42.1	38.7	43.2
Accommodation, cafes & restaurants	'000	11.3	13.3	11.3
Transport & storage	'000	10.4	9.1	8.2
Communication services	'000	2.6	3.3	3.8
Finance, insurance, property & business	'000	20.6	22.4	25.4
Government administration & defence	'000	11.6	13.3	13.4
Education	'000	17.1	17.9	15.9
Health & community services	'000	23.4	22.9	26.1
Culture, recreation & personal services	'000	14.9	13.6	16.8

INTERNET ACTIVITY

		Mar qtr 2003	Mar qtr 2004	Mar qtr 2005
Internet service providers	no.	22	22	21
Subscribers	no.	109 000	107 000	112 000
Data downloaded by subscribers	million Mbs	60	126	263

LABOUR FORCE(a)

		2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Total persons in labour force	no.	220 800	225 700	230 200
Employed	no.	201 400	210 100	216 200
Unemployed	no.	19 400	15 600	13 900
Participation rate	%	58.5	59.0	59.3
Unemployment rate	%	8.8	6.9	6.1

(a) Average of monthly original estimates.

LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

		2003	2004
Average family size — persons	no.	2.9	3.0
Total families	no.	135 000	138 000
Families with children under 15 years	no.	55 000	56 000
Couple families	no.	110 000	115 000
Proportion of persons aged 65 years and over living alone(a)	%	32.5	30.1

(a) Of all persons aged 65 and over.

MINING

		2003-04	2004-05
Minerals produced			
Gold (assayed)	tonnes	10.9	9.5
Silver (assayed)	tonnes	72.6	93.6
Tin	tonnes	4.0	708
Lead (assayed)	tonnes	30 619	32 426
Copper (assayed)	tonnes	30 340	29 867
Zinc (assayed)	tonnes	94 560	89 075
Iron Ore pellets	tonnes	2 202 908	2 018 542
Total value of mining and mineral processing production	\$'000	1 457 502	1 626 814

POPULATION(a)

		2003	2004	2005
Estimated resident population, Tasmania				
Aged less than 15 years	no.	97 354	r97 071	96 516
Aged 15-24 years	no.	63 539	r64 305	65 064
Aged 25-64 years	no.	249 015	r251 971	253 258
Aged 65 years and over	no.	67 397	r68 889	70 425
Total	no.	477 305	r482 236	485 263
Greater Hobart Statistical Division	no.	199 926	202 182	p203 638
Greater Launceston Statistical District	no.	100 664	r102 007	p103 200
Burnie-Devonport Statistical District	no.	78 239	r79 077	p79 254
Density	no./km ²	7	7.1	7.1
Births	no.	5 752	5 809	nya
Deaths	no.	3 965	3 892	nya
Marriages	no.	2 599	2 648	nya
Divorces	no.	1 336	1 404	nya

(a) Estimated resident population as at 30 June.

PRICES — HOBART (December)

		2003	2004	2005
Consumer Price Index				
Index number (1989–90=100)		142.0	146.7	151.0
Increase over previous year	%	2.9	3.3	2.9
Established House Price Index				
Index number (2003–04=100)		99.3	111.4 p	117.4
Increase over previous year	%	55.4	12.2	p 5.4
Average Retail Prices (cents)				
Bread, white loaf, sliced	680g	276	244	256
Milk	1 litre	148	(a)282	311
Rump steak	1 kg	1 434	1 503	1 760
Lamb, leg	1 kg	909	857	931
Chicken, frozen(b)	1 kg	400	386	363
Potatoes	1 kg	169	178	206
Tomatoes	1 kg	381	394	432
Eggs	1 doz	372	393	347
Coffee, instant	150g jar	650	686	696
Margerine, polyunsaturated	500g	239	252	262
Draught beer, full strength, public bar(c)	285ml glass	279	300	305
Petrol, unleaded	1 litre	95.3	110	126.8
Sausages	1 kg	591	506	530

(a) Milk unit 2 litre from Sept 2004

(b) Average price of brand name and generic products.

(c) Alcoholic content greater than 3.5%.

RETAIL TRADE(a)

		r 2002–03	2003–04	2004–05
Turnover (trend)				
Food retailing	\$m	1 490.5	r 1 641.4	1 756.2
Clothing and soft goods retailing	\$m	194.8	r 198.7	207.2
Household goods retailing	\$m	596.2	r 690.1	728.7
Recreational goods retailing	\$m	186.0	r 233.9	247.2
Hospitality and services	\$m	419.2	485.2	509.9
Total	\$m	3 640.7	r 4 086.6	4 312.6

(a) Excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol etc.

TASMANIA IN RELATION TO AUSTRALIA

Area	km ²	Period	Tasmania	% of Australian total
			68 102	0.9
Demography(a)				
Estimated resident population	no.	2005	485 263	2.4
Births	no.	2004	5 809	2.3
Deaths (including infant death)	no.	2004	3 892	2.9
Marriages	no.	2004	2 648	2.4
Divorces	no.	2004	1 404	2.7
Labour force				
Employed persons	no.	March 2006	224 300	2.2
Unemployed persons	no.	March 2006	15 400	2.8
Agriculture				
Gross value of production	\$m	2004–05	937.2	2.6
Area of establishments	'000 ha	2003–04	1 745	0.4
Manufacturing				
Wages and salaries(b)	\$m	2002–03	868.8	1.9
Industry value added	\$m	2002–03	2 059.6	2.3
Sales and service income	\$m	2002–03	5 679	1.8
Foreign trade				
Value of imports	\$m	2004–05	600	0.4
Value of exports	\$m	2004–05	2 639	2.1

(a) As at 30 June.

(b) Excludes the drawings of working proprietors.

TOURISM AND TRAVEL (12 months ending December)(a)

		2004	2005
Total adult visitors to Tasmania	'000	760.7	788.0
Visitors' expenditure in Tasmania	\$m	1 093.2	1 090.5
Origin			
Australia	'000	658.6	675.8
International	'000	101.9	112.3
Purpose			
Visiting relatives/friends	'000	185.4	216.2
Holiday	'000	388.3	385.0
Conference/convention/business	'000	148.5	150.9

(a) Tasmanian Visitor Survey (TVS) conducted by Tourism Tasmania. Data from TVS includes visitors who arrived on scheduled airline flights and Bass Strait ferries only.

TRANSPORT

		2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Sales of new motor vehicles(a)				
Passenger vehicles	no.	9 017	11 300	11 786
Sports utility vehicles	no.	2 871	3 241	3 922
Other vehicles	no.	3 513	4 236	4 904
Total	no.	15 401	18 777	20 612
Motor vehicles and motorcycles on register at 31 March(b)	no.	338 484	350 403	362 134

(a) These statistics are based on the VFACTS series produced by the Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries.

(b) Figures from Motor Vehicle Census.

WAGES

		2003	2004	2005
Total average weekly earnings (trend)				
Full-time adult employees (November)	\$	864.80	r 920.00	942.80
Increase over previous year	%	1.7	r 6.4	2.5
Wage Price Index				
Total hourly rates of pay excluding bonuses (2003-04=100.0) (December)		99.8	103.3	107.8

SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED

\$	— dollars	ml	— millilitre
%	— per cent	mm	— millimetre
°C	— degrees Celsius	\$m	— million dollars
'000	— thousand	na	— not available
doz	— dozen	no.	— number
g	— gram	nya	— not yet available
ha	— hectare	p	— preliminary
hrs	— hours	qtr	— quarter
kg	— kilogram	r	— revised
km²	— square kilometre	Sep	— September
Mar	— March	VFACTS	— Vehicle facts as published by The Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries
Mbs	— megabyte		

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