



2001 TASMANIA AT A GLANCE



The State of Tasmania is a group of islands lying south of the south-east corner of the Australian mainland.

The area of the State, including the smaller islands, is 68,114 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

		1998-99	1999-2000 p
Livestock numbers			
Dairy cattle (excluding house cows)	'000	233	206
Beef cattle	'000	491	411
Sheep and lambs	'000	3 801	3 341
Pigs	'000	22	18
Production of			
Red meat (carcass weight)	tonnes	77 700	83 825
Milk(a)	million litres	603	609
Wool(b)	tonnes	16 232	17 708
Barley for grain	tonnes	30 044	22 181
Apples	tonnes	62 271	57 537
Beans, french and runner	tonnes	11 868	13 720
Peas, green (processing)	tonnes	28 129	28 536
Onions	tonnes	60 471	62 716
Potatoes	tonnes	327 482	267 172
Hops (dry weight)	tonnes	1 496	1 489
Oil poppies (area)	hectares	12 415	15 140
Gross value	\$m	r699.9	690.6

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

BUILDING APPROVALS

		1998-99	1999-2000
New dwellings			
Private	no.	1 409	1 872
Public	no.	1	21
Total	no.	1 410	1 893
Value	\$m	131.2	193.4
New non-residential buildings approved(a)	\$m	174.5	160.6

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

CLIMATE 2000(a)

		Launceston Airport	Hobart
Mean annual rainfall	mm	658	455
Mean annual rain days	no.	123	154
Mean daily maximum temperature	°C	17.6	17.9
Mean daily minimum temperature	°C	6.3	9.4
Extreme highest temperature	°C	32.5	36.1
Extreme lowest temperature	°C	-4.3	1.0
Mean daily hours of sunshine	hrs	7.6	7.2
Mean annual frost days	no.	79	27

(a) Averages based on all available years. Extremes based on all available data.

EDUCATION

		1999	2000
Schools			
Government	no.	220	215
Non-government	no.	66	67
Students			
Government	no.	62 978	64 572
Non-government	no.	21 138	20 802
University (total enrolments)	no.	12 799	n.a.
Maritime College (total enrolments)(a)	no.	2 139	n.a.
TAFE (total enrolments)	no.	39 190	39 599

(a) Does not include short-course enrolments.

FINANCE

1999–2000

State Government

Revenue		
Taxation revenue	\$m	662
Grants and subsidies	\$m	1 222
Other revenue	\$m	1 711
Total revenue	\$m	3 595
Expenses		
Gross operating expenses	\$m	2 586
Interest expenses	\$m	472
Other expenses	\$m	307
Total expenses	\$m	3 365
GFS Net Operating Balance	\$m	231
Assets		
Financial	\$m	2 885
Non-financial	\$m	11 099
Total assets	\$m	13 984
Total liabilities	\$m	7 956
Net Worth as at 30 June	\$m	6 029

Local Government

Revenue		
Taxation revenue	\$m	150
Grants and subsidies	\$m	71
Other revenue	\$m	217
Total revenue	\$m	438
Expenses		
Gross operating expenses	\$m	410
Interest expenses	\$m	15
Other expenses	\$m	12
Total expenses	\$m	437
GFS Net Operating Balance	\$m	1
Assets		
Financial	\$m	192
Non-financial	\$m	3 826
Total assets	\$m	4 017
Total liabilities	\$m	304
Net Worth as at 30 June	\$m	3 714

Private

Banking deposits(a) (June)	\$m	3 269
Housing finance (seasonally adjusted), total secured housing commitments(b)	\$m	76

(a) Average of weekly figures. (b) Excludes alterations and additions; including refinancing.

FOREIGN TRADE

		1998-99	1999-2000
Value of imports into Tasmania	\$m	407	440
Value of exports of Tasmanian origin	\$m	2 019	2 215

LABOUR FORCE (provisional trend estimate)

		2000	2001
Persons in labour force (March)	no.	218 500	220 200
Employed	no.	198 600	200 700
Unemployed	no.	19 800	19 500
Participation rate (March)	%	59.0	59.2
Unemployment rate (March)	%	9.1	8.9

MANUFACTURING

		1998-99	1999-2000
Production of			
Butter(a)	tonnes	11 546.0	8 209
Cheese(a)	tonnes	29 973.0	33 344
Electricity	million kW.h	9 910.0	10 050
Refined zinc	'000 tonnes	214.3	231
Sawn timber	'000 m ³	334.8	366
Woodchips	'000 tonnes	3 929.9	5 145

(a) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation.

MINING

		1998-99	1999-2000
Mineral concentrates produced			
Copper concentrate	'000 tonnes	76.8	104.3
Iron concentrate (pellets)	'000 tonnes	1 816.1	2 068.3
Tin concentrate	'000 tonnes	12.5	14.8

PHYSICAL

Area of State (incl. lesser islands)	km ²	68 114
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POPULATION(a)

		1999	2000
Estimated resident population, Tasmania			
Aged less than 15	no.	100 169	98 780
Aged 15-24	no.	64 435	64 611
Aged 25-64	no.	242 597	243 421
Aged 65 and over	no.	63 060	63 948
Total	no.	470 261	470 376
Greater Hobart Statistical Division	no.	p194 166	194 228
Greater Launceston Statistical District	no.	p98 160	98 341
Burnie-Devonport Statistical District	no.	p78 147	78 090
Density	no./km ²	7	7
		1998	1999
Births	no.	5 978	6 032
Deaths	no.	3 605	3 783
Marriages	no.	2 599	2 499
Divorces	no.	1 322	1 391

(a) Estimated resident population as at 30 June.

PRICE INDEXES (HOBART)

		2000	2001
Consumer Price Index (March)			
Index number (1989-90=100)		125.3	132.1
Increase over previous year	%	2.6	5.4
Building materials - house (March)			
Index number (1989-90=100)		124.6	126.3
Increase over previous year	%	2	1.4
Building materials - other (March)			
Index number (1989-90=100)		119.2	120.2
Increase over previous year	%	0.6	0.8

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION

		1986	1996
Christian	no.	324 792	332 468
Non-Christian	no.	1 967	3 661
Other groups	no.	50 231	79 203
Not stated	no.	59 363	44 327
Total persons	no.	436 353	459 659

RETAIL TRADE(a)

		1998-99	1999-2000
Turnover (trend)			
Food retailing	\$m	1 350.3	1 403.5
Clothing and soft goods retailing	\$m	185.9	164.4
Household goods retailing	\$m	339.5	371.5
Recreational goods retailing	\$m	200.5	212.7
Hospitality and services	\$m	432.6	480.6
Total	\$m	3 170.1	3 231.1

(a) Excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol etc. (b) Includes department stores.

TASMANIA COMPARED WITH AUSTRALIA

Area		Percent of Australian total
Demography		0.9
Estimated resident population	30 June 2000p	2.5
Births	1999	2.4
Deaths (including infant death)	1999	2.9
Marriages	1999	2.2
Divorces	1999	2.6
Labour force (provisional trend estimate)		
Employed persons	June 2000	2.2
Unemployed persons	June 2000	3.2
Agriculture		
Gross value of agricultural commodities produced	1998-99	2.4
Area of establishments	1998-99	0.4
Sheep and lambs	1998-99	3.3
Pigs	1998-99	0.8
Milk by volume	1998-99	5.9
Wool by weight(a)	1998-99	2.6
Manufacturing		
Persons employed	1999-2000p	2.2
Turnover	1999-2000p	2.4
Foreign trade		
Value of imports	1999-2000	0.4
Value of exports	1999-2000	2.3

(a) Wool received by brokers and dealers.

TOURISM AND TRAVEL

		1998-99	1999-2000
Total adult visitors to Tasmania(a)	no.	524 000	531 700
Visitors' expenditure in Tasmania(a)	\$m	551.8	557.9
Accommodation (total capacity 30 June)			
Licensed hotels with facilities, guest rooms	no.	2 900	2 871
Motels and Guest Houses with facilities, guest rooms	no.	1 746	1 749
Serviced Apartments, guest rooms	no.	864	876

(a) Source: Tasmanian Visitor Survey conducted by Tourism Tasmania.

Source: Tourism Tasmania. Excludes cruise ships.

TRANSPORT

		1999	2000
New motor vehicles registered during year	no.	14 833	15 128
New motorcycles registered during year	no.	553	639
Motor vehicles and motorcycles on register, at 31 Oct(a)	no.	314 500	321 000

(a) Figures for 1998 and 1999.

WAGES

		1999	2000
Total average weekly earnings			
Full-time adult employees (November)	\$	741.3	776.8
Increase over previous year	%	2.3	4.8
Wage Cost Index			
Total hourly rates of pay excluding bonuses (Sept. quarter 1997=100.0) (December)		106.0	108.9

SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED

mm	— millimetres	'000	— thousand
\$m	— million dollars	\$	— dollars
km²	— kilometres	n.y.a.	— not yet available
p	— preliminary	kW.h	— kilowatt hours
no.	— number	%	— percent
'000m³	— thousand metre cubed	n.p.	— not published
hrs	— hours		

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