



## **FRIENDLY SOCIETIES: AUSTRALIA**

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Enclosed are the Friendly Societies tables for the quarter ended  
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**TABLE 1. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES : ASSETS**  
(\$ million)

	<i>Sep 98</i>	<i>Dec 98</i>	<i>Mar 99</i>	<i>Jun 99</i>	<i>Sep 99</i>	<i>Dec 99</i>	<i>Mar 00</i>	<i>Jun 00</i>	<i>Sep 00</i>	<i>Dec 00</i>	<i>Mar 01</i>
<b>ASSETS</b>											
<i>Assets in Australia</i>											
<i>Cash and deposits</i>	797	631	626	858	506	391	449	523	393	346	330
Cash and bank deposits	602	398	416	657	352	240	311	387	295	240	220
Other deposit taking institutions	195	233	210	201	154	151	138	136	98	106	110
<i>Loans and placements</i>	333	315	333	366	328	373	370	409	345	349	342
<i>Short term securities</i>	3,227	3,132	2,992	2,698	2,893	2,664	2,517	2,525	2,479	2,250	2,392
Bills of exchange	1,216	1,143	1,086	908	891	815	804	1,020	760	596	674
Bank certificates of deposit	1,670	1,589	1,516	1,442	1,593	1,564	1,423	1,218	1,396	1,314	1,371
Other short term securities	341	400	390	348	409	285	290	287	323	340	347
<i>Long term securities</i>	1,510	1,643	1,669	1,631	1,609	1,685	1,721	1,618	1,607	1,744	1,607
Commonwealth government bonds	301	344	307	280	220	248	259	254	233	217	186
State and local government securities	442	442	397	377	239	240	313	276	321	364	380
Other long term securities	767	857	965	974	1,150	1,197	1,149	1,088	1,053	1,163	1,041
<i>Equities and Units in trusts</i>	258	287	315	336	329	528	545	511	607	654	675
Private trading corporation shares	145	166	192	200	205	213	175	177	213	207	216
Financial sector shares	50	51	53	51	39	68	58	66	63	46	45
Units in trusts	63	70	70	85	85	247	312	268	331	401	414
<i>Other financial assets</i>	135	143	144	152	122	140	155	175	181	195	211
<i>Non-financial assets</i>											
Land and buildings	302	296	292	286	285	281	279	251	245	244	246
Other non-financial assets	107	104	104	106	81	101	107	71	90	92	89
<i>Total Assets in Australia</i>	6,669	6,551	6,475	6,433	6,153	6,163	6,143	6,083	5,947	5,874	5,892
<i>Assets overseas</i>	61	50	68	67	67	73	79	80	81	91	98
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>6,730</b>	<b>6,601</b>	<b>6,543</b>	<b>6,500</b>	<b>6,220</b>	<b>6,236</b>	<b>6,222</b>	<b>6,163</b>	<b>6,028</b>	<b>5,965</b>	<b>5,990</b>

**TABLE 2. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES : LIABILITIES**  
(\$ million)

	<i>Sep 98</i>	<i>Dec 98</i>	<i>Mar 99</i>	<i>Jun 99</i>	<i>Sep 99</i>	<i>Dec 99</i>	<i>Mar 00</i>	<i>Jun 00</i>	<i>Sep 00</i>	<i>Dec 00</i>	<i>Mar 01</i>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>											
<i>Participants' equity</i>	<i>6,301</i>	<i>6,197</i>	<i>6,150</i>	<i>6,151</i>	<i>5,962</i>	<i>5,917</i>	<i>5,848</i>	<i>5,828</i>	<i>5,762</i>	<i>5,699</i>	<i>5,721</i>
<i>Borrowings</i>	<i>116</i>	<i>114</i>	<i>115</i>	<i>157</i>	<i>91</i>	<i>177</i>	<i>168</i>	<i>131</i>	<i>128</i>	<i>128</i>	<i>107</i>
<i>Other liabilities</i>	<i>313</i>	<i>290</i>	<i>278</i>	<i>192</i>	<i>167</i>	<i>142</i>	<i>206</i>	<i>204</i>	<i>138</i>	<i>138</i>	<i>162</i>
<b><i>TOTAL LIABILITIES</i></b>	<b><i>6,730</i></b>	<b><i>6,601</i></b>	<b><i>6,543</i></b>	<b><i>6,500</i></b>	<b><i>6,220</i></b>	<b><i>6,236</i></b>	<b><i>6,222</i></b>	<b><i>6,163</i></b>	<b><i>6,028</i></b>	<b><i>5,965</i></b>	<b><i>5,990</i></b>

**DATA SERVICE**  
**FRIENDLY SOCIETIES - (5660.0.40.001)**  
**EXPLANATORY NOTES**

**Introduction**

The statistics have been compiled from data furnished to the ABS by 36 of the largest friendly societies in the quarterly Survey of Balance Sheet Information.

**Scope**

2 A friendly society for the purposes of the survey is any organisation registered as a friendly society under the appropriate State legislation. All assets and liabilities of the friendly societies arising from services offered by them are within scope.

**Coverage**

3 The information in this table is compiled from data furnished to the ABS by 36 of the largest friendly societies as part of the Survey of Financial Information. These societies approximated 95 per cent of the total assets of friendly societies as at June 1992.

**Basis of valuation**

4 Respondents to the survey are requested to report assets at their market value.

**Financial Instruments**

5 The classification of financial instrument used follows that set out in the ABS Publication *Australian National Accounts, Financial Accounts (5232.0)*. A definition of these instruments is contained in that publication.

**Revisions**

6 Revisions to previously published statistics are included in this publication.

**Other publications**

7 Readers may also wish to refer to the following publication which is available on request: *Managed Funds: Australia (5655.0)* -- issued quarterly.

**Symbols and other usages**

8 Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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