



2002 TASMANIA AT A GLANCE



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

		1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01p
Livestock numbers				
Dairy cattle (excluding house cows)	i000	233	206	228
Beef cattle	i000	491	411	455
Sheep and lambs	i000	3 801	3 341	3 484
Pigs	i000	22	18	22
Production of				
Red meat (carcass weight)	tonnes	77 700	83 825	68 596
Milk(a)	million litres	603	609	590
Wool(b)	tonnes	16 232	17 331	12 709
Barley for grain	tonnes	30 044	22 181	26 396
Apples	tonnes	62 271	r 57 538	56 105
Beans, french and runner	tonnes	11 868	13 720	n.y.a.
Peas, green (processing)	tonnes	28 129	28 536	n.y.a.
Onions	tonnes	60 471	62 716	n.y.a.
Potatoes	tonnes	327 482	267 172	n.y.a.
Hops (dry weight)	tonnes	1 496	1 489	n.y.a.
Oil poppies (area)	hectares	12 415	15 140	n.y.a.
Gross value	\$m	r 699.9	691.2	745.7

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

BUILDING APPROVALS

		1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01
New dwellings				
Private	no.	1 400	1 811	1 164
Public	no.	1	27	24
Total	no.	1 401	1 838	1 188
Value	\$m	131.2	193.4	127.5
New non-residential buildings approved(a)				
	\$m	174.5	160.6	152.5

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

CLIMATE 2001(a)

		Launceston Airport	Hobart
Mean annual rainfall	mm	654	681
Mean annual rain days	no.	121	163
Mean daily maximum temperature	°C	17.3	17.4
Mean daily minimum temperature	°C	6.4	9.2
Extreme highest temperature	°C	32.6	37.7
Extreme lowest temperature	°C	n̄4.8	0.0
Mean daily hours of sunshine	hrs	6.9	6.1
Mean annual frost days	no.	77	21

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

EDUCATION

		1999	2000	2001
Schools				
Government	no.	r 216	215	214
Non-government	no.	r 65	67	67
Students				
Government	no.	62 978	62 803	61 976
Non-government	no.	r 20 859	20 734	20 821
University (total enrolments)	no.	12 799	12 779	12 820
Maritime College (total enrolments)(a)	no.	2 139	1 796	2 086
VET (total enrolments)	no.	39 190	45 727	n.y.a.

(a) Does not include short-course enrolments.

FINANCE

		1998–99	1999–2000	2000–01
State Government				
Revenue				
Taxation revenue	\$m	634	662	516
Current grants and subsidies	\$m	1 202	1 222	1 555
Other revenue	\$m	1 403	1 711	1710
Total revenue	\$m	3 239	3 595	3 780
Expenses				
Gross operating expenses	\$m	2 552	2 586	2 748
Interest expenses	\$m	478	472	507
Other expenses	\$m	249	307	354
Total expenses	\$m	3 280	3 365	3 609
GFS Net Operating Balance	\$m	-41	231	172
Assets				
Financial	\$m	2 449	2 885	2 831
Non-financial	\$m	10 764	11 099	11 153
Total assets	\$m	13 213	13 984	13 984
Total liabilities	\$m	8 058	7 956	7 784
Net Worth as at 30 June	\$m	5 155	6 029	6 201
Local Government				
Revenue				
Taxation revenue	\$m	149	150	164
Current grants and subsidies	\$m	63	71	68
Other revenue	\$m	213	217	233
Total revenue	\$m	425	438	465
Expenses				
Gross operating expenses	\$m	399	410	431
Interest expenses	\$m	15	15	15
Other expenses	\$m	10	12	9
Total expenses	\$m	424	437	455
GFS Net Operating Balance	\$m	1	1	9
Assets				
Financial	\$m	187	192	190
Non-financial	\$m	3 752	3 826	3 958
Total assets	\$m	3 939	4 017	4 148
Total liabilities	\$m	282	304	267
Net Worth as at 30 June	\$m	3 661	3 714	3 881
Private				
Banking deposits(a) (June)	\$m	4 044	3 269	3 489
Housing finance (seasonally adjusted), total secured housing commitments(b)	\$m	62	76	86

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

FOREIGN TRADE

		1998–99	1999–2000	2000–01
Value of imports into Tasmania	\$m	407	440	524
Value of exports of Tasmanian origin	\$m	2 019	2 215	2 435
Exports to				
ASEAN	\$m	353	384	390
European Community	\$m	279	309	154
Japan	\$m	467	489	573
USA	\$m	236	203	230

LABOUR FORCE (trend estimate)

		2000	2001	2002
Persons in labour force (March) (no.)				
Total in labour force	no.	218 500	219 600	215 600
Employed	no.	199 400	200 900	197 700
Unemployed	no.	19 100	18 700	18 000
Participation rate (March)	%	59.0	59.0	57.7
Unemployment rate (March)	%	8.7	8.5	8.3

MANUFACTURING

		1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01
Production of				
Butter(a)	tonnes	11 546	8 209	5 949
Cheese(a)	tonnes	29 973	33 344	32 355
Electricity	million kW.h	9 910	10 050	10 150
Refined zinc	í000 tonnes	214	232	233
Sawn timber	í000 m	335	366	339
Woodchips	í000 tonnes	3 930	5 145	n.p.

(a) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation.

MINING

		1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01
Mineral concentrates produced				
Copper concentrate	í000 tonnes	113.5	104.3	105.4
Iron concentrate (pellets)	í000 tonnes	1 816.1	2 068.3	2 027.3
Tin concentrate	í000 tonnes	12.5	14.8	14.8
Zinc concentrate	í000 tonnes	382.3	311.9	143.2
Lead	í000 tonnes	101.8	98.7	40.6

POPULATION(a)

		1999	2000	2001
Estimated resident population, Tasmania				
Aged less than 15	no.	100 169	98 780	97 688
Aged 15ñ24	no.	64 435	64 611	63 885
Aged 25ñ64	no.	242 597	243 421	244 031
Aged 65 and over	no.	63 060	63 948	64 668
Total	no.	r470 803	r470 304	470 272
Greater Hobart Statistical Division	no.	r194 389	r194 197	194 388
Greater Launceston Statistical District	no.	r98 273	r98 326	98 437
Burnie-Devonport Statistical District	no.	r78 237	r78 077	77 880
Density	no./km ²	7	7	7
Births	no.	6 162	5 604	6 420
Deaths	no.	3 739	3 730	3 872
Marriages	no.	2 499	2 589	2 184
Divorces	no.	1 391	1 329	1 441

(a) Estimated resident population as at 30 June.

INTERNET ACTIVITY

		Sept qtr 2000	Sept qtr 2001
Internet service providers	no.	30	28
Subscribers	no.	76 000	92 000
Data downloaded by subscribers	million Mbs	14	26

PRICE INDEXES (HOBART)

		2000	2001	2002
Consumer Price Index (March)				
Index number (1989ñ90=100)		125.3	132.1	135.2
Increase over previous year	%	2.6	5.4	2.3
Building materials ó house (March)				
Index number (1989ñ90=100)		124.6	126.3	128.6
Increase over previous year	%	2	1.4	1.8
Building materials ó other (March)				
Index number (1989ñ90=100)		119.2	120.2	121.6
Increase over previous year	%	0.6	0.8	1.2

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION

		1996	2001
Christian	no.	332 468	315 513
Non-Christian	no.	3 661	4 992
Other groups	no.	79 203	88 717
Not stated	no.	44 327	47 430
Total persons	no.	459 659	456 652

RETAIL TRADE(a)

		1998–99	1999–2000	2000–01
Turnover (trend)				
Food retailing	\$m	1 350.3	1 403.5	1 482.0
Clothing and soft goods retailing	\$m	185.9	164.4	173.4
Household goods retailing	\$m	339.5	371.5	406.7
Recreational goods retailing	\$m	200.5	212.7	210.4
Hospitality and services	\$m	432.6	480.6	482.2
Total	\$m	3 170.1	3 278.4	3 405.7

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

TASMANIA COMPARED WITH AUSTRALIA

Area	km ²	Period	Tasmania	Percent of Australian total
			68 102	0.9
Demography(a)				
Estimated resident population	no.	2001	470 272	2.4
Births	no.	2000	5 692	2.3
Deaths (including infant death)	no.	2000	3 711	2.9
Marriages	no.	2000	2 589	2.2
Divorces	no.	2000	1 329	2.6
Labour force (trend estimate)				
Employed persons	no.	March 2002	197 700	2.2
Unemployed persons	no.	March 2002	18 000	2.9
Agriculture				
Gross value of agricultural commodities produced	\$m	1999–2000	691.2	2.4
Area of establishments	'000 ha	1999–2000	1 793	0.4
Manufacturing				
Persons employed	no.	1999–2000	20 200	2.2
Turnover	\$m	1999–2000	5 490	2.4
Foreign trade				
Value of imports	\$m	2000–01	524	0.4
Value of exports	\$m	2000–01	2 435	2.0

(a) As at 30 June.

TOURISM AND TRAVEL

		1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01
Total adult visitors to Tasmania(a)	no.	524 200	531 500	531 000
Visitors' expenditure in Tasmania(a)	\$m	551.8	557.9	551.7
Accommodation (total capacity 30 June)				
Licensed hotels with facilities, guest rooms	no.	2 900	2 871	2 913
Motels and Guest Houses with facilities, guest rooms	no.	1 746	1 749	1 684
Serviced Apartments, guest rooms	no.	864	876	881

(a) Tasmanian Visitor Survey conducted by Tourism Tasmania. Excludes cruise ships.

TRANSPORT

		1999	2000	2001
New motor vehicles registered during year	no.	14 833	15 128	15 090
New motorcycles registered during year	no.	553	639	701
		Oct 1998	Oct 1999	Mar 2001
Motor vehicles and motorcycles on register, at 31 Oct(a)	no.	314 500	321 000	322 700

(a) Figures from Motor Vehicle Census 1998/9 and 2001.

WAGES

		1999	2000	2001
Total average weekly earnings				
Full-time adult employees (November)	\$	741.7	770.8	804.1
Increase over previous year	%	1.2	3.9	4.3
Wage Cost Index				
Total hourly rates of pay excluding bonuses (Sep. quarter 1997=100.0) (December)		106.0	108.9	112.1

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	ha	— hectare
°C	— degrees Celsius		

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