

2004 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

		r 2001–02	p 2002–03
Livestock numbers			
Milk cattle (excluding house cows)	'000	187	189
Meat cattle	'000	432	472
Sheep and lambs	'000	3 380	3 047
Pigs	'000	18	18
Production of			
Red meat (carcass weight)	tonnes	61 863	69 851
Milk(a)	million litres	672	585
Wool(b)	tonnes	14 268	14 357
Barley for grain	tonnes	26 000	23 000
Apples	tonnes	51 617	52 509
Beans, french and runner	tonnes	12 721	nya
Peas, green (processing)	tonnes	25 793	nya
Onions	tonnes	62 975	nya
Potatoes	tonnes	350 134	nya
Gross value	\$m	903.4	880.7
(a) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation.			
(b) Wool received by brokers and dealers.			

BUILDING APPROVALS

		2000–01	2001–02	2002–03
New dwellings				
Private	no.	r 1 171	r 1 961	2 122
Public	no.	r 27	71	23
Total	no.	r 1 198	r 2 032	2 145
Value	\$m	127.5	221.0	261.9
New non-residential buildings approved(a)				
	\$m	152.5	168.0	201.2
(a) Includes alterations and additions valued at \$50,000 or more.				

CLIMATE 2003(a)

		Launceston	Hobart
Total rainfall	mm	780	643
Rain days	no.	139	143
Mean daily maximum temperature	°C	18.4	17.4
Mean daily minimum temperature	°C	7.3	9.0
Highest temperature	°C	33.6	37.4
Lowest temperature	°C	–2.5	0.9
Mean daily sunshine	hrs	7.6	6.9
Frost days	no.	60	22
(a) Observations taken at Battery Point in Hobart and Ti Tree Bend in Launceston, except sunshine which is taken at the respective airports.			

EDUCATION

		2001	2002	2003
Schools				
Government	no.	214	214	214
Non-government	no.	67	66	67
Students				
Government	no.	61 976	61 508	61 157
Non-government	no.	20 821	20 842	21 219
University (total enrolments)	no.	12 820	13 972	14 506
Maritime College (total enrolments)	no.	2 548	2 795	2 724
Vocational Education and Training (VET) (total enrolments)	no.	46 570	50 701	54 814

FINANCE

		2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
State Government				
Revenue				
Taxation revenue	\$m	516	510	544
Current grants and subsidies	\$m	1 555	1 711	1 783
Other revenue	\$m	1 687	1 732	1 826
Total revenue	\$m	3 758	3 953	4 153
Expenses				
Gross operating expenses	\$m	2 678	2 831	3 031
Interest expenses	\$m	440	376	380
Other expenses	\$m	515	530	528
Total expenses	\$m	3 632	3 737	3 939
Government Finance Statistics				
(GFS) Net Operating Balance		\$m		
		126	216	214
Assets				
Financial	\$m	2 866	2 970	3 434
Non-financial	\$m	11 125	11 767	12 049
Total assets	\$m	13 991	14 737	15 483
Total liabilities	\$m	7 518	7 850	8 282
Net Worth as at 30 June	\$m	6 473	6 887	7 200
Local Government				
Revenue				
Taxation revenue	\$m	164	167	175
Current grants and subsidies	\$m	69	70	72
Other revenue	\$m	237	253	259
Total revenue	\$m	470	490	506
Expenses				
Gross operating expenses	\$m	438	466	484
Interest expenses	\$m	16	15	14
Other expenses	\$m	9	9	14
Total expenses	\$m	462	490	512
GFS Net Operating Balance	\$m	8	1	-6
Assets				
Financial	\$m	190	216	222
Non-financial	\$m	4 069	4 250	4 391
Total assets	\$m	4 259	4 467	4 614
Total liabilities	\$m	288	287	298
Net Worth as at 30 June	\$m	3 971	4 180	4 316
Private				
Housing finance (seasonally adjusted), total secured housing commitments(a)	\$m	925	1 092	1 276
(a) Excludes alterations and additions; including refinancing.				

FOREIGN TRADE

		2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Total imports	\$m	524	519	764
Total exports	\$m	2 435	2 388	2 453
Exports to				
The Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN)	\$m	391	347	304
European Community	\$m	154	129	216
Japan	\$m	573	548	588
United States of America	\$m	230	295	231

LABOUR FORCE(a)

		2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Persons in labour force				
Total in labour force	no.	219 800	217 400	219 600
Employed	no.	200 700	198 400	200 700
Unemployed	no.	19 100	19 000	18 900
Participation rate	%	59.1	58.3	58.4
Unemployment rate	%	8.7	8.8	8.6

(a) Average of monthly original estimates.

MANUFACTURING

		2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Production of				
Butter(a)(b)	tonnes	5 949	7 368	na
Cheese(a)	tonnes	32 355	35 155	31 632
Electricity	million kW.h	10 150	10 210	10 460
Refined zinc	'000 tonnes	233	252	253
Sawn timber	'000 m ³	339	387	399

(a) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation.

(b) From July 2002 the Australian Dairy Corporation advised that butter production data are confidential.

MINING

		2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Mineral concentrates produced				
Copper concentrate	'000 tonnes	105.4	115.0	108.1
Iron concentrate (pellets)	'000 tonnes	2 027.3	2 151.6	2 142.3
Tin concentrate	'000 tonnes	14.8	12.4	8.5
Zinc concentrate	'000 tonnes	143.2	138.7	141.9
Lead	'000 tonnes	40.6	35.6	42.2

POPULATION(a)

		2001	r 2002	p 2003
Estimated resident population, Tasmania				
Aged less than 15 years	no.	99 081	97 717	97 322
Aged 15-24 years	no.	62 037	62 639	63 751
Aged 25-64 years	no.	245 792	246 186	248 490
Aged 65 years and over	no.	64 885	66 070	67 531
Total	no.	471 795	472 612	477 094
Greater Hobart Statistical Division	no.	197 282	197 878	199 886
Greater Launceston Statistical District	no.	98 526	99 134	100 590
Burnie-Devonport Statistical District	no.	77 480	77 366	78 175
Density	no./km ²	7	7	7
Births	no.	5 801	5 927	nya
Deaths	no.	3 855	3 953	nya
Marriages	no.	2 182	2 605	nya
Divorces	no.	1 439	nya	nya

(a) Estimated resident population as at 30 June.

INTERNET ACTIVITY

		Sep qtr 2001	Sep qtr 2002	Sep qtr 2003
Internet service providers	no.	29	28	24
Subscribers	no.	95 000	98 000	107 000
Data downloaded by subscribers	million Mbs	31	r 49	78

PRICE INDEXES (HOBART)

		2002	2003	2004
Consumer Price Index (March)				
Index number (1989–90=100)		135.2	140.0	143.0
Increase over previous year	%	2.3	3.6	2.1
Building materials — house (March)				
Index number (1989–90=100)		128.6	134.6	140.4
Increase over previous year	%	1.8	4.7	4.3
Building materials — other (March)				
Index number (1989–90=100)		121.6	124.2	126.5
Increase over previous year	%	1.2	2.1	1.9

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)

		2000–01	2001–02	2002–03
Turnover (trend)				
Food retailing	\$m	1 401.0	1 450.4	1 469.6
Clothing and soft goods retailing	\$m	158.9	190.1	199.7
Household goods retailing	\$m	479.8	520.0	580.3
Recreational goods retailing	\$m	180.8	192.7	187.0
Hospitality and services	\$m	377.9	364.8	400.7
Total	\$m	3 230.0	3 386.8	3 595.5

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

TASMANIA COMPARED WITH AUSTRALIA

Area	km ²	Period	Tasmania	% of Australian total
Demography(a)			68 102	0.9
Estimated resident population	no.	2003	477 094	2.4
Births	no.	2002	5 927	2.4
Deaths (including infant death)	no.	2002	3 953	2.9
Marriages	no.	2002	2 605	2.5
Divorces	no.	2001	1 439	2.6
Labour force				
Employed persons	no.	March 2004	211 800	2.2
Unemployed persons	no.	March 2004	15 500	2.7
Agriculture				
Gross value of production	\$m	2002–03	880.7	2.7
Area of establishments	'000 ha	2001–02	1 775	0.4
Manufacturing				
Persons employed	no.	2000–01	20 600	2.2
Sales and service income	\$m	2000–01	5 044	2.0
Foreign trade				
Value of imports	\$m	2002–03	763	0.6
Value of exports	\$m	2002–03	2 453	2.1

(a) As at 30 June.

TOURISM AND TRAVEL

		2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Total adult visitors to Tasmania(a)	'000	531.0	r 519.2	652.2
Visitors' expenditure in Tasmania(a)	\$m	705.0	712.0	945.3
Accommodation (total capacity 30 June)		2001	2002	2003
Licensed hotels with facilities, guest rooms	no.	2 913	2 879	2 916
Motels and Guest Houses with facilities, guest rooms	no.	1 684	1 684	1 910
Serviced Apartments, guest rooms	no.	881	1 030	1 179

(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

		2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Sales of new motor vehicles, by type (trend)(a)				
Passenger vehicles	no.	9 887	r 9 497	9 324
Other vehicles	no.	r 4 693	5 266	6 378
Total	no.	r 14 582	r 14 763	r 15 703
		March 2001	March 2002	March 2003
Motor vehicles and motorcycles on register(b)	no.	331 073	335 057	338 484

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

(b) Figures from Motor Vehicle Census.

WAGES

		2001	2002	2003
Total average weekly earnings (trend)				
Full-time adult employees (November)	\$	803.00	849.80	865.00
Increase over previous year	%	4.2	5.8	1.8
Wage Cost Index				
Total hourly rates of pay excluding bonuses (Sep quarter 1997=100.0) (December)		112.1	116.2	120.0

SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED

°C	— degrees Celsius	p	— preliminary
\$	— dollars	qtr	— quarter
ha	— hectare	r	— revised
hrs	— hours	Sep	— September
kW.h	— kilowatt hour	km²	— square kilometre
Mb	— megabyte	'000	— thousand
mm	— millimetre	'000m³	— thousand metre cubed
\$m	— million dollars	VFACTS	— Vehicle facts as published by The Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries
nya	— not yet available		
no.	— number		
%	— per cent		

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