



# BOOK PUBLISHERS

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## 1995-96 KEY FIGURES

	<i>Largest 20 businesses by total turnover</i>	<i>Remainder by total turnover</i>	<i>Total</i>
Number of organisations	20	194	214
Sales of all books (\$m)	730.2	219.8	950.0
Sales of other products (\$m)	187.9	29.3	217.2
Total turnover (\$m)	984.2	272.6	1 256.8
Average turnover per business (\$m)	49.2	1.4	5.9
Wages & salaries paid (\$m)	153.6	47.5	201.1
Royalties & fees paid (\$m)	46.1	18.9	65.0
Total costs (\$m)	833.6	253.8	1 087.4
Average costs per business (\$m)	41.7	1.3	5.1
Opening stocks (\$m)	188.8	68.9	257.7
Closing stocks (\$m)	199.5	70.8	270.3
Stocks to book sales ratio (%)	27.3	32.2	28.5
Sales of Australian titles (\$m)	395.0	166.1	561.1
Royalties & fees paid per Australian book sale (%)	11.7	11.4	11.6
Employment - males (no.)	1 554	586	2 140
Employment - females (no.)	2 439	1 004	3 443
Persons working per business (no.)	199.7	8.2	26.1
Wages & salaries per person employed (\$'000)	38.5	29.9	36.0
Operating profit before tax (\$m)	161.3	20.7	181.9
Profit margin (%)	16.4	7.6	14.5

## NOTES

### INTRODUCTION

This publication presents the results of a data collection from businesses which employed staff and were predominantly engaged in book publishing in 1995-96. Information was collected on the financial and employment data of the organisations in the collection as well as information on the numbers of books published and sold by type.

### DETAILED DATA

More detailed data, including dissections by category of book, are available from the National Centre for Culture and Recreation Statistics on Adelaide 08 8237 7449.

## INQUIRIES

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