

economy

FINANCE

		2000-01	2005-06
State Government			
Total revenue	\$m	3 759	5 427
Total expenses	\$m	3 628	5 298
GFS Net Operating Balance	\$m	131	129
Local Government			
Total revenue	\$m	465	635
Total expenses	\$m	455	602
GFS Net Operating Balance	\$m	9	33

FOREIGN TRADE

		2000-01	2005-06
Total imports	\$m	524	516
Total exports	\$m	2 435	2 893

PRICES

		2001	2007	
Consumer Price Index (March)				
Index number (1989-90=100)		132.1	155.4	
Increase over previous year	%	5.4	2.1	
Established House Price Index (March)				
Index number (2003-04=100)		71.9	133.5	
Increase over previous year	%	27.7	10.5	
Average Retail Prices (cents) Dec 2006				
		Hobart	Sydney	Perth
Bread, white loaf, sliced ¹	650g	265	297	279
Milk	2 litre	318	322	301
Rump steak	1 kg	1 986	1 759	1 857
Lamb, leg	1 kg	938	922	988
Salmon, pink	210g can	335	247	264
Potatoes	1 kg	241	177	226
Tomatoes	1 kg	385	344	410
Eggs	1 doz	404	413	423
Coffee, instant	150g jar	708	694	680
Margarine, polyunsaturated	500g	282	280	279
Draught beer, full strength, public bar	285 ml glass	314	257	328
Petrol, unleaded	1 litre	116.1	115.4	114.3
Sausages	1 kg	599	554	595

¹ 680g in Hobart

environment

CLIMATE — 2006¹

		Launceston	Hobart	Burnie	Swansea	Strahan
Total rainfall	mm	365	347	403	335	1119
Rain days	no.	135	138	134	112	227
Mean daily maximum temperature	°C	18.3	17.0	17.0	18.2	16.0
Mean daily minimum temperature	°C	6.3	8.2	9.4	7.5	7.4
Highest temperature	°C	33.1	38.8	27.7	37.3	33.5
Lowest temperature	°C	-3.0	0.8	1.6	-1.7	-2.1

¹ Tasmanian Climate Services Centre, Bureau of Meteorology

SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED

\$ — dollars	km ² — square kilometre
% — per cent	ml — millilitre
°C — degrees Celsius	\$m — million dollars
'000 — thousand	no. — number
Dec — December	p — preliminary
doz — dozen	r — revised
g — gram	VET — Vocational Education and Training
kg — kilogram	VFACTS — Vehicle facts as published by The Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries

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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.



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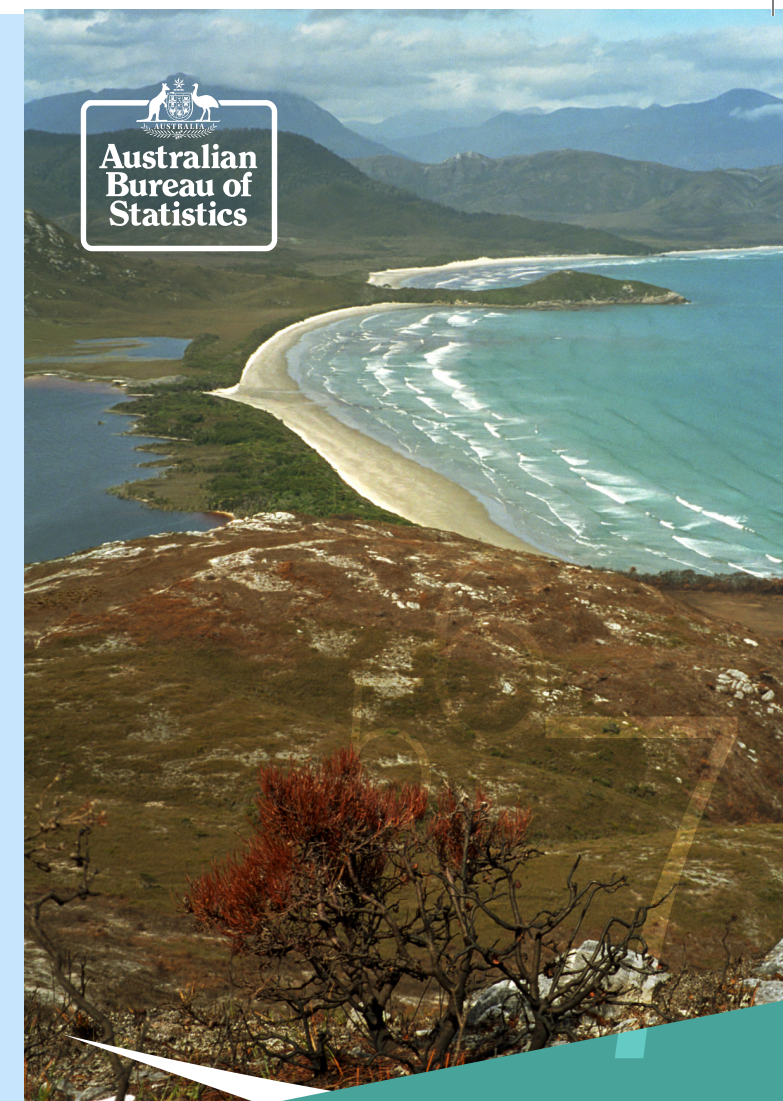


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2007 Tasmania at a glance

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EDUCATION

		2001	2006
Schools			
Government	no.	214	211
Non-government	no.	67	67
Students			
Government	no.	61 976	60 007
Non-government	no.	20 821	22 447
University (total enrolments)	no.	12 820	17 407
Maritime College (total enrolments)	no.	2 548	1 762
VET (total students)	no.	32 600	41 800

INTERNET ACCESS

		2001	2005–2006
Households with home Internet access	no.	59 000	99 000
Proportion of all Tasmanian households	%	31	49

LABOUR FORCE¹

		2000–01	2005–06
Persons in labour force			
Total in labour force	no.	219 800	238 700
Employed	no.	200 600	223 300
Unemployed	no.	19 200	15 400
Participation rate	%	59.0	61.0
Unemployment rate	%	8.7	6.5

¹ Average of monthly original estimates

LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

		2001	2005
Average family size — persons	no.	3.0	2.9
Total families	no.	131 000	136 000
Families with children under 15 years	no.	56 000	51 000
Lone father families with children under 15 years ¹	%	1.8	3.4
Lone mother families with children under 15 years ¹	%	22.7	22.1
Proportion of persons aged 65 years and over living alone	%	34.6	27.9
Marriages			
Rate per 1 000 population		4.6	5.4
Divorces granted			
Rate per 1 000 population		3.0	2.8

¹ of all families with children aged under 15

POPULATION¹

		2001	2006
Males	no.	232 470	241 359
Females	no.	239 325	247 589
Persons	no.	471 795	488 948
0 to 14 years	no.	99 081	96 318
15 to 24 years	no.	62 037	65 645
25 to 64 years	no.	245 792	255 079
Aged 65 and over	no.	64 885	71 906
Median age of population	years	37.2	p 39.0
Greater Hobart Statistical Division	no.	197 282	p 205 510
Greater Launceston Statistical District	no.	98 526	p 103 835
Burnie-Devonport Statistical District	no.	77 480	p 79 954

¹ Estimated resident population as at 30 June

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

		2001	2005
Life expectancy at birth			
Males	years	76.0	77.2
Females	years	81.2	82.1
Fertility rate (births per woman)		2.07	2.10
Standardised death rate (per 1,000 standard population)		7.6	6.9

		2001	2004–05
Current smokers:			
Of males aged 18 and over	%	25.0	28.1
Of females aged 18 and over	%	23.7	24.7
Overweight/obese adults:			
Of males aged 18 and over	%	54.2	54.3
Of females aged 18 and over	%	36.6	42.4
Adults who are physically inactive:			
Of males aged 18 and over	%	31.9	35.9
Of females aged 18 and over	%	32.0	31.0

CAUSES OF DEATH

	1999–01	2002–04
Leading causes of death per 100 000 pop ¹		
Cancer	181	213
Ischaemic heart disease	121	134
Stroke	54	56

¹ rates are age standardised

WAGES

	2001	2006
Total average weekly earnings (Trend)		
Full-time adult employees (November)	\$ 803.4	994.4
Increase over previous year	% 4.2	4.7
Wage Price Index		
Total hourly rates of pay excluding bonuses (2003–04=100.0) (December)	93.3	112.3

INDUSTRY OF EMPLOYED PERSONS (NOVEMBER)

	2001	2006
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	'000 19.1	14.1
Mining	'000 1.2	2.1
Manufacturing	'000 21.8	21.6
Electricity, gas and water supply	'000 2.3	3.0
Construction	'000 10.2	16.0
Wholesale and retail trade	'000 40.2	41.2
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	'000 10.2	13.8
Transport and storage	'000 8.0	10.3
Communication services	'000 3.0	2.5
Finance, insurance, property and business	'000 22.0	24.5
Government administration and defence	'000 10.8	13.3
Education	'000 13.7	17.1
Health and community services	'000 24.1	25.5
Culture, recreation and personal services	'000 14.6	16.6

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AGRICULTURE

	2000–01	2004–05
Livestock numbers		
Milk cattle (excluding house cows)	'000 210	191
Meat cattle	'000 426	498
Sheep and lambs	'000 3 284	3 105
Pigs	'000 22	12
Production of		
Barley for grain	tonnes 26 396	27 800
Apples	tonnes 56 105	45 512
Gross value	\$m 755	903
Production of		
Red meat (carcass weight)	tonnes 68 596	73 735
Milk ¹	million litres 590	622
Wool ²	tonnes 12 709	12 360

¹ Australian Dairy Corporation

² Wool received by brokers and dealers

BUILDING WORK DONE

	2000–01	2005–06
New residential building	\$m 184.1	468.9
Alterations and additions	\$m 65.6	108.7
Non-residential building	\$m 175.3	324.4
Total building	\$m 425.0	902.0

RETAIL TRADE¹

	r 2000–01	2005–06
Turnover (trend)		
Food retailing	\$m 1 415.8	1 846.7
Clothing and soft goods retailing	\$m 152.7	250.4
Household goods retailing	\$m 488.7	822.8
Recreational goods retailing	\$m 182.6	267.2
Hospitality and services	\$m 394.7	527.5
Total	\$m 3 264.3	4 618.8

¹ Excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol etc

TRANSPORT

	2000–01	2005–06
Sales of new motor vehicles ¹	no. 14 637	19 576
Motor vehicles and motorcycles on register at 31 March	no. 331 073	374 846

¹ These statistics are based on the VFACTS series produced by the Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries

INDUSTRY CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL FACTOR INCOME (%)

	Tas	Aust.
	2000–01	2005–06
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	7	7
Mining	2	2
Manufacturing	15	14
Electricity, gas and water supply	6	5
Construction	5	5
Wholesale Trade	3	4
Retail Trade	6	8
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	3	3
Transport and storage	5	4
Communication services	3	2
Finance and insurance	5	6
Property and business services	5	6
Government administration and defence	5	5
Education	5	5
Health and community services	9	10
Cultural and recreational services	1	1
Personal and other services	2	2

TOURISM AND TRAVEL (12 MTHS ENDING DEC)¹

	2003	2006
Total adult visitors to Tasmania	'000 682.0	810.4
Visitors' expenditure in Tasmania	\$m 1 004.6	1 245.4
Origin		
Australia	'000 573.9	698.4
International	'000 108.1	112.0
Purpose		
Visiting relatives/friends	'000 155.9	217.3
Holiday	'000 347.8	388.3
Conference/convention/business	'000 146.5	158.9

¹ Tasmanian Visitor Survey conducted by Tourism Tasmania. Data from TVS includes visitors aged 14 years and over, who arrived on scheduled airline flights and Bass Strait ferries only

MANUFACTURING

	2001–02	2004–05
Employment (end of June)	no. 21 500	21 300
Wages and Salaries	\$m 824	901
Industry value added	\$m 1 889	2 226
Sales and service income	\$m 5 348	6 239