

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES: AUSTRALIA

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Enclosed are the Friendly Societies tables for the quarter ended **June 2001.**

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TABLE 1. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES : ASSETS (\$ million)

	Dec 98	Mar 99	Jun 99	Sep 99	Dec 99	Mar 00	Jun 00	Sep 00	Dec 00	Mar 01	Jun 01
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Assets in Australia											
Cash and deposits	631	626	858	506	391	449	523	393	348	327	410
Cash and bank deposits	398	416	657	352	240	311	387	295	242	217	315
Other deposit taking institutions	233	210	201	154	151	138	136	98	106	110	95
Loans and placements	315	333	366	328	373	370	409	345	355	350	366
Short term securities	3,132	2,992	2,698	2,893	2,664	2,517	2,525	2,479	2,216	2,411	2,177
Bills of exchange	1,143	1,086	908	891	815	804	1,020	760	632	722	562
Bank certificates of deposit	1,589	1,516	1,442	1,593	1,564	1,423	1,218	1,396	1,244	1,261	1,202
Other short term securities	400	390	348	409	285	290	287	323	340	428	413
Long term securities	1,643	1,669	1,631	1,609	1,685	1,721	1,618	1,607	1,755	1,639	1,669
Commonwealth government bonds	344	307	280	220	248	259	254	233	238	218	229
State and local government securities	442	397	377	239	240	313	276	321	382	380	371
Other long term securities	857	965	974	1,150	1,197	1,149	1,088	1,053	1,135	1,041	1,069
Equities and Units in trusts	287	315	336	329	528	545	511	607	658	682	713
Private trading corporation shares	166	192	200	205	213	175	177	213	210	221	249
Financial sector shares	51	53	51	39	68	58	66	63	46	45	45
Units in trusts	70	70	85	85	247	312	268	331	402	416	419
Other financial assets	143	144	152	122	140	155	175	181	194	212	222
Non-financial assets											
Land and buildings	296	292	286	285	281	279	251	245	244	232	223
Other non-financial assets	104	104	106	81	101	107	71	90	84	82	90
Total Assets in Australia	6,551	6,475	6,433	6,153	6,163	6,143	6,083	5,947	5,854	5,935	5,870
Assets overseas	50	68	67	67	73	79	80	81	91	98	97
TOTAL ASSETS	6,601	6,543	6,500	6,220	6,236	6,222	6,163	6,028	5,945	6,033	5,967

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

	Dec 98	Mar 99	Jun 99	Sep 99	Dec 99	Mar 00	Jun 00	Sep 00	Dec 00	Mar 01	Jun 01
LIABILITIES											
Participants' equity	6,197	6,150	6,151	5,962	5,917	5,848	5,828	5,762	5,687	5,776	5,709
Borrowings	114	115	157	91	177	168	131	128	128	107	105
Other liabilities	290	278	192	167	142	206	204	138	130	150	153
TOTAL LIABILITIES	6,601	6,543	6,500	6,220	6,236	6,222	6,163	6,028	5,945	6,033	5,967

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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

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

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

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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