



FRIENDLY SOCIETIES: AUSTRALIA

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Enclosed are the Friendly Societies tables for the quarter ended
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TABLE 1. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES : ASSETS
(\$ million)

	<i>Sep 97</i>	<i>Dec 97</i>	<i>Mar 98</i>	<i>Jun 98</i>	<i>Sep 98</i>	<i>Dec 98</i>	<i>Mar 99</i>	<i>Jun 99</i>	<i>Sep 99</i>	<i>Dec 99</i>	<i>Mar 00</i>
ASSETS											
<i>Assets in Australia</i>											
<i>Cash and deposits</i>	960	824	717	1,463	797	631	626	858	506	391	449
Cash and bank deposits	597	572	514	1,234	602	398	416	657	352	240	311
Other deposit taking institutions	363	252	203	229	195	233	210	201	154	151	138
<i>Loans and placements</i>	366	370	362	343	333	315	333	366	328	373	370
<i>Short term securities</i>	3,305	3,173	3,262	2,680	3,227	3,132	2,992	2,698	2,893	2,664	2,517
Bills of exchange	1,700	1,475	1,234	1,211	1,216	1,143	1,086	908	891	815	804
Bank certificates of deposit	1,131	1,349	1,658	1,082	1,670	1,589	1,516	1,442	1,593	1,564	1,423
Other short term securities	474	349	370	387	341	400	390	348	409	285	290
<i>Long term securities</i>	1,690	1,792	1,726	1,522	1,510	1,643	1,669	1,631	1,609	1,685	1,721
Commonwealth government bonds	302	336	295	308	301	344	307	280	220	248	259
State and local government securities	645	549	564	443	442	442	397	377	239	240	313
Other long term securities	743	907	867	771	767	857	965	974	1,150	1,197	1,149
<i>Equities and Units in trusts</i>	186	199	204	212	258	287	315	336	329	528	545
Private trading corporation shares	119	128	133	138	145	166	192	200	205	213	175
Financial sector shares	34	33	32	36	50	51	53	51	39	68	58
Units in trusts	33	38	39	38	63	70	70	85	85	247	312
<i>Other financial assets</i>	63	56	121	129	135	143	144	152	122	140	155
<i>Non-financial assets</i>											
Land and buildings	341	328	324	292	302	296	292	286	285	281	279
Other non-financial assets	97	103	98	111	107	104	104	106	81	101	107
<i>Total Assets in Australia</i>	7,008	6,845	6,814	6,752	6,669	6,551	6,475	6,433	6,153	6,163	6,143
<i>Assets overseas</i>	48	52	51	55	61	50	68	67	67	73	79
TOTAL ASSETS	7,056	6,897	6,865	6,807	6,730	6,601	6,543	6,500	6,220	6,236	6,222

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

	<i>Sep 97</i>	<i>Dec 97</i>	<i>Mar 98</i>	<i>Jun 98</i>	<i>Sep 98</i>	<i>Dec 98</i>	<i>Mar 99</i>	<i>Jun 99</i>	<i>Sep 99</i>	<i>Dec 99</i>	<i>Mar 00</i>
LIABILITIES											
<i>Participants' equity</i>	6,681	6,499	6,441	6,385	6,301	6,197	6,150	6,151	5,962	5,917	5,848
<i>Borrowings</i>	105	108	103	111	116	114	115	157	91	177	168
<i>Other liabilities</i>	270	290	321	311	313	290	278	192	167	142	206
<i>TOTAL LIABILITIES</i>	7,056	6,897	6,865	6,807	6,730	6,601	6,543	6,500	6,220	6,236	6,222

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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

2 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

3 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

7 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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