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2004 NEW SOUTH WALES AT A GLANCE



NEW SOUTH WALES RELATIVE TO AUSTRALIA

Area	NSW as a percentage of Australia			
	%			
Coastline	%			10.4
				3.6
		2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Population				
Total persons, 30 June	%	33.9	33.8	33.6
Labour				
Total labour force, May	%	33.1	33.1	33.1
Employed persons	%	33.5	33.2	33.1
Unemployed persons	%	27.8	31.3	32.5
Transport				
Motor vehicles on register, 31 March	%	30.0	30.0	30.0
Building				
New houses completed	%	25.0	22.5	21.7
Value of building work done	%	33.3	32.4	33.2
Value of housing finance commitments	%	41.4	41.0	39.5
Tourism				
Guest rooms	%	33.3	32.5	31.5
Takings from accommodation	%	37.9	35.0	33.6
Retail trade				
Retail trade turnover	%	35.4	35.0	34.8
Overseas trade				
Imports	%	44.4	43.4	41.5
Exports	%	19.0	18.9	17.5
Agriculture				
Area of holding, 30 June	%	13.4	14.2	nya
Area of crops, 30 June	%	27.4	27.6	nya
Value of production	%	25.8	25.8	nya
Crops	%	26.5	26.7	nya
Livestock slaughterings etc.	%	24.7	25.7	nya
Livestock products	%	25.6	23.4	nya
		NSW as a percentage of Australia		
Selected person characteristics		1991	1996	2001
Indigenous peoples	%	26.4	28.8	29.2
Born in Australia	%	33.7	33.2	32.7
Born overseas	%	34.9	35.5	35.9
Speaks English only	%	32.9	32.4	31.8
Mainly speaks other language at home	%	39.7	41.1	41.9
Non-school qualification	%	35.7	35.5	35.1

POPULATION(a)

		2001	2002	2003
Estimated resident population				
Males	'000	3 264.2	3 295.9	p3 322.0
Females	'000	3 311.0	3 338.2	p3 364.7
Persons	'000	6 575.2	6 634.1	p6 686.6
Age distribution				
0-14 years	%	20.4	20.2	p19.9
15-24 years	%	13.4	13.4	p13.5
25-64 years	%	53.1	53.2	p53.2
65 years or more	%	13.1	13.2	p13.3

(a) Figures at 30 June.

VITAL STATISTICS

		2000	2001	2002
Births	no.	86 752	84 578	86 583
Rate(a)		13.4	12.8	13.0
Deaths	no.	45 409	44 552	46 384
Rate(a)		7.0	6.8	7.0
Marriages	no.	39 323	36 109	36 321
Rate(a)		6.1	5.5	5.5

(a) Per 1,000 of estimated resident population at 30 June.

HEALTH

		2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Public hospital beds available	no.	19 720	19 513	20 147
General hospitals(a)	no.	16 098	16 001	16 882
Nursing home units	no.	1 580	1 497	1 381
Community and other units	no.	2 042	2 016	1 884
Registered health professionals	no.	146 568	149 455	152 175
Medical practitioners	no.	24 991	25 307	25 281
Registered nurses	no.	76 190	77 694	79 244
Enrolled nurses	no.	15 987	16 076	16 200
Major causes of death		2000	2001	2002
Malignant neoplasms (cancer)	no.	12 201	12 665	12 667
All heart disease	no.	12 379	11 876	12 018

(a) From 1 July 2002 includes an estimated 1,000 cots and bassinets.

LABOUR

		2001	2002	2003
Labour force status, May				
Civilian population aged 15 years and over	'000	5 194.4	5 257.8	5 319.9
Not in the labour force	'000	1 949.7	1 978.5	1 965.6
Total labour force	'000	3 244.7	3 279.3	3 354.2
Employed persons	'000	3 057.7	3 082.9	3 152.1
Unemployed persons	'000	186.9	196.3	202.1
Unemployment rate	%	5.8	6.0	6.0
Males	%	5.9	6.2	6.2
Females	%	5.6	5.7	5.8
Participation rate	%	62.5	62.4	63.1
Males	%	71.1	71.4	71.1
Females	%	54.1	53.6	55.2
Average weekly earnings, May quarter				
Full-time adult total earnings	\$	907.20	948.20	1 010.70
Males	\$	982.80	1 024.40	1 096.00
Females	\$	778.90	819.10	868.90
All employees total earnings	\$	706.90	723.30	772.70
Males	\$	841.30	867.70	928.70
Females	\$	558.80	570.30	607.70

CRIME

		2001	2002	2003
Victims of crime(a)				
Proportion of persons	%	5.1	5.7	4.5
Proportion of households	%	11.4	9.6	9.4

(a) During the 12 months prior to April.

EDUCATION

		2001	2002	2003
Schools(a)	no.	3 091	3 095	3 092
Government	no.	2 185	2 191	2 186
Non-government	no.	906	904	906
Teachers (full-time equivalent)(a)	no.	73 385	74 313	75 216
Full-time students(a)	'000	1 099.2	1 104.8	1 107.3
Primary	%	57.3	57.0	56.6
Secondary	%	42.7	43.0	43.4
Government	%	68.7	68.2	67.7
Non-government	%	31.3	31.8	32.3
Higher education students	no.	271 656	289 886	nya
TAFE enrolments	no.	504 496	526 083	nya

(a) Figures at August.

TRANSPORT

		2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Road transport				
Motor vehicles on register, 31 March	'000	3 745.5	3 847.1	3 944.9
Passenger vehicles	'000	3 007.3	3 088.3	3 163.3
Light commercial vehicles	'000	501.7	515.5	531.8
Trucks and buses(a)	'000	145.9	147.6	149.7
Motorcycles	'000	90.7	95.6	100.0
Driving offences				
Convictions	'000	92.0	90.0	117.0
Paid traffic infringements	'000	558.2	564.8	493.0
Public transport, passenger journeys				
Government railways	million	(b)287.8	278.6	275.5
Government bus and ferry services	million	222.6	212.6	212.3

(a) Includes campervans. (b) Excludes Olympic and Paralympic related journeys.

BUILDING

		2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Value of building work approved	\$m	9 687.7	13 349.4	15 430.1
Residential buildings	\$m	6 041.5	8 964.5	9 685.5
Value of building work done	\$m	11 222.2	12 851.7	15 706.3
Residential buildings	\$m	7 024.8	8 520.2	10 602.9
New dwellings approved	no.	33 478	49 282	47 508
Houses	no.	19 109	27 555	24 514
New dwellings completed	no.	41 582	35 161	43 124
Houses	no.	23 091	21 553	23 617

MINING AND ENERGY

		1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02
Metallic mineral production	\$m	1 278.0	1 428.7	1 179.6
Zinc	\$m	487.0	533.0	356.0
Copper	\$m	344.8	438.3	350.7
Gold	\$m	293.0	303.0	332.0
Black coal production	'000 t	132 900	138 779	145 228
Energy from primary sources	PJ	4 219.6	4 442.4	4 685.0
Coal	%	82.1	81.9	83.0
Oil	%	13.1	13.8	13.1
Natural gas	%	3.1	2.8	2.5

AGRICULTURE

Agricultural establishments, 30 June		2000	2001	2002
Establishments	no.	43 654	41 951	41 651
Area of holding	'000 ha	62 093	61 007	63 386
Crops	'000 ha	6 114	6 273	6 635
Sown pasture	'000 ha	6 397	6 702	6 356
Livestock, 30 June				
Sheep and lambs	'000	43 405	40 887	38 491
Meat cattle	'000	5 531	5 786	5 593
Milk cattle	'000	440	428	428
Production		2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Whole milk	ML	1 326	1 343	1 302
Cheese	'000 t	22.8	22.7	21.4
Beef and veal	'000 t	475.6	474.0	488.0
Chicken meat	'000 t	244.3	273.4	256.4
Mutton and lamb	'000 t	209.7	213.2	191.4
Pig meat	'000 t	130.4	144.1	140.2
Wool	'000 t	234.4	208.4	nya
Wheat for grain	'000 t	7 867	8 043	nya

MANUFACTURING

		1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01
Employment, 30 June	'000	296.3	291.9	295.6
Wages and salaries	\$m	11 909	11 660	12 506
Sales and service income	\$m	78 659

TOURIST ACCOMMODATION(a)

		2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Establishments, 30 June	no.	1 326	1 313	1 350
Guest rooms, 30 June	no.	65 488	64 072	63 782
Persons employed, 30 June	no.	35 025	33 568	33 499
Room occupancy rate	%	57.6	57.1	59.1
Takings from accommodation	\$m	1 866	1 662	1 666

(a) Includes only those establishments with 15 or more rooms or units.

HOUSEHOLD FINAL CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE

		2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Total expenditure	\$m	147 977	153 871	161 937
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	\$m	34 339	36 021	37 247
Recreation and culture	\$m	18 154	18 167	18 710
Transport	\$m	17 650	17 666	18 650
Food	\$m	13 226	14 411	15 221
Hotels, cafes and restaurants	\$m	13 125	13 307	13 825
Furnishings and other household equipment	\$m	7 141	7 534	8 317
Health	\$m	5 687	6 707	7 985
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	\$m	6 016	6 349	6 572
Clothing and footwear	\$m	5 560	5 819	5 992
Communications	\$m	3 730	3 997	4 400
Education services	\$m	3 049	3 269	3 510

PRICES(a)

Consumer Price Index, Sydney		2001	2002	2003
All groups, change from previous year	%	3.3	2.8	2.3
Food	%	7.0	2.6	3.3
Alcohol and tobacco	%	4.4	1.6	5.2
Clothing and footwear	%	0.9	1.9	-0.9
Housing	%	2.4	2.6	3.0
Household furnishings, supplies and services	%	3.8	1.4	0.1
Health	%	2.7	5.2	6.5
Transportation	%	-0.4	3.0	1.1
Communication	%	0.1	2.8	1.3
Recreation	%	4.3	4.0	-0.4
Education	%	4.7	5.2	5.3
Miscellaneous	%	5.1	2.6	2.0
Average retail prices of selected items, Sydney				
Milk (1 litre)	\$	1.44	1.54	1.56
Bread, white loaf, sliced (650 g)	\$	2.56	2.56	2.45
Rump steak (1 kg)	\$	15.68	15.47	16.89
Potatoes (1 kg)	\$	1.37	1.47	1.52
Margarine, polyunsaturated (500 g)	\$	1.68	2.14	2.35
Laundry detergent (1 kg)	\$	4.98	4.81	5.30
Draught beer, full strength, public bar (285 mL)	\$	1.99	2.06	2.20
Petrol, unleaded (1 litre)	\$	0.82	0.89	0.91

(a) December quarter.

RETAIL TRADE TURNOVER

		2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
All retail establishments	\$m	53 723.3	57 284.0	60 764.6
Food retailing	\$m	20 050.7	21 919.7	23 288.0
Hospitality and services	\$m	11 494.0	11 763.1	12 100.0
Household good retailing	\$m	6 288.3	6 691.6	7 700.5
Other retailing	\$m	5 273.7	5 865.7	6 283.1
Department stores	\$m	4 585.3	4 856.2	5 098.6
Clothing and soft good retailing	\$m	3 647.3	3 799.6	3 877.0
Recreational good retailing	\$m	2 384.5	2 388.1	2 417.7

OVERSEAS TRADE

		2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Imports into NSW	\$m	52 503	51 901	55 248
United States of America	\$m	10 787	10 129	10 211
China	\$m	4 353	5 130	6 500
Japan	\$m	5 894	5 609	5 946
Exports from NSW	\$m	22 750	22 920	20 235
Japan	\$m	4 799	4 864	4 384
New Zealand	\$m	1 777	1 994	2 060
United States of America	\$m	2 378	2 466	1 964
Major export commodities				
Coal	\$m	3 829	4 278	2 946
Aluminium	\$m	1 636	1 632	1 453
Wool	\$m	1 051	934	907
Beef and veal	\$m	960	1 053	716
Cotton	\$m	1 157	872	620

PUBLIC FINANCE

		1999–2000	2000–01	2001–02
State Government				
Total Revenue	\$m	31 899	33 645	35 440
Taxation revenue	\$m	15 191	13 333	13 216
Current grants and subsidies	\$m	10 099	13 738	15 873
Sales of goods and services	\$m	2 777	2 605	2 699
Other revenue	\$m	3 832	3 968	3 652
Total Expenses	\$m	29 865	31 943	33 951
Education	\$m	7 453	8 066	8 639
Health	\$m	6 625	7 298	7 772
Transport and communications	\$m	2 931	3 582	3 449
Public order and safety	\$m	2 642	3 076	3 183
Social security and welfare	\$m	1 876	2 128	2 349
Housing and community amenities	\$m	1 006	1 436	1 705
General public services	\$m	1 820	1 190	1 060
Recreation and culture	\$m	989	1 118	796
Other expenses	\$m	4 522	4 051	4 997
Net Operating Balance	\$m	2 033	1 701	1 489
Local Government				
Total Revenue	\$m	5 629	5 779	5 980
Total Expenses	\$m	5 100	5 202	5 482
Net Operating Balance	\$m	529	577	498

PRIVATE FINANCE

		2000–01	2001–02	2002–03
Housing finance commitments	\$m	31 953	41 127	44 342
Purchase of dwellings	\$m	22 336	28 819	28 916
Refinancing	\$m	6 387	7 715	10 372
Construction of dwellings	\$m	2 074	3 006	2 863
Alterations and additions	\$m	1 155	1 587	2 190
Personal finance commitments	\$m	17 452	18 622	23 102
Fixed loans	\$m	7 189	7 765	9 164
Motor vehicles	\$m	3 238	3 012	3 093
Refinancing	\$m	1 101	1 300	1 936
Debt consolidation	\$m	471	565	709
New and increased credit limits	\$m	10 263	10 857	13 938
Commercial finance commitments	\$m	95 469	107 312	134 274
Fixed loans	\$m	46 979	64 023	77 996
New and increased credit limits	\$m	48 490	43 289	56 278

SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED

g	— gram	t	— tonne
ha	— hectare	TAFE	— Technical and Further Education
kg	— kilogram	..	— not applicable
mL	— millilitre	'000	— thousand
ML	— megalitre	\$	— dollars
no.	— number	\$m	— million dollars
NSW	— New South Wales	%	— per cent
nya	— not yet available		
p	— preliminary		
PJ	— petajoule		

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