



2000 TASMANIA AT A GLANCE



The State of Tasmania is a group of islands lying south of the south-east corner of the Australian mainland.

The area of the State, including the smaller islands, is 68,119 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.

AGRICULTURE

		1997-98	1998-99
Livestock numbers			
Dairy cattle (excluding house cows)	'000	218	233
Beef cattle	'000	510	491
Sheep and lambs	'000	3 869	3 801
Pigs	'000	24	22
Production of			
Red meat (carcass weight)	tonnes	77 041	77 700
Milk (a)	million litres	543	603
Wool (b)	tonnes	17 264	16 232
Barley for grain	tonnes	30 916	30 044
Apples	tonnes	46 693	62 271
Beans, french and runner	tonnes	12 225	11 868
Peas, green (processing)	tonnes	31 872	28 129
Onions	tonnes	51 945	60 471
Potatoes	tonnes	373 578	327 482
Hops (dry weight)	tonnes	1 100	1 496
Oil poppies (area)	hectares	10 542	12 415
Gross value	\$m	678.2	p 684.3

(a) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation. (b) Wool received by brokers and dealers.

BUILDING APPROVALS

		1997-98	1998-99
New dwellings			
Private	no.	1 623	1 409
Public	no.	20	1
Total	no.	1 643	1 410
Value	\$m	142.4	131.2
New non-residential buildings approved (a)	\$m	125.5	174.5

(a) Includes alterations and additions valued at \$50,000 or more.

CLIMATE 1999(a)

		Launceston Airport	Hobart
Mean annual rainfall	mm	641	450
Mean annual rain days		131	131
Mean daily maximum temperature	°C	17.6	17.6
Mean daily minimum temperature	°C	6.4	9.2
Extreme highest temperature	°C	32.0	35.2
Extreme lowest temperature	°C	-4.1	1.1
Mean daily hours of sunshine		7.1	6.6
Mean annual frost days		86	37

(a) Averages based on all available years. Extremes based on all available data.

EDUCATION

		1998	1999
Schools			
Government	no.	222	220
Non-government	no.	67	66
Students			
Government	no.	62 921	62 978
Non-government	no.	21 236	21 138
University (total enrolments)	no.	12 611	12 799
Maritime College (total enrolments)(a)	no.	1 542	2 139
TAFE (total enrolments)	no.	30 961	39 190

(a) Does not include short-course enrolments.

FINANCE

1998–99

State Government

Revenue		
Taxation revenue	\$m	634
Grants and subsidies	\$m	1 202
Other revenue	\$m	1 403
Total revenue	\$m	3 239
Expenses		
Gross operating expenses	\$m	2 552
Interest expenses	\$m	478
Other expenses	\$m	249
Total expenses	\$m	3 280
GFS Net Operating Balance	\$m	-41
Assets		
Financial	\$m	2 449
Non-financial	\$m	10 764
Total assets	\$m	13 213
Total liabilities	\$m	8 058
Net Worth as at 30 June	\$m	5 155

Local Government

Revenue		
Taxation revenue	\$m	149
Grants and subsidies	\$m	63
Other revenue	\$m	213
Total revenue	\$m	425
Expenses		
Gross operating expenses	\$m	399
Interest expenses	\$m	15
Other expenses	\$m	10
Total expenses	\$m	424
GFS Net Operating Balance	\$m	1
Assets		
Financial	\$m	187
Non-financial	\$m	3 752
Total assets	\$m	3 939
Total liabilities	\$m	282
Net Worth as at 30 June	\$m	3 661

Private

Banking deposits(a) (June)	\$m	4 044
Housing finance (seasonally adjusted), total secured housing commitments(b)	\$m	62

(a) Average of weekly figures. (b) Excludes alterations and additions; including refinancing.

FOREIGN TRADE

		1997-98	1998-99
Value of imports into Tasmania	\$m	385	407
Value of exports of Tasmanian origin	\$m	2 136	2 019

LABOUR FORCE (provisional trend estimate)

		1999	2000
Persons in labour force (March)	no.	216 200	218 400
Employed	no.	193 800	199 200
Unemployed	no.	22 400	19 200
Participation rate (March)	%	58.4	59.0
Unemployment rate (March)	%	10.4	8.8

MANUFACTURING

		1997-98	1998-99
Production of			
Butter (a)	tonnes	8 745	11 546
Cheese (a)	tonnes	26 835	29 973
Electricity	million kW.h	9 700	9 910
Newsprint	'000 tonnes	n.p.	n.p.
Refined zinc	'000 tonnes	197	214.3
Sawn timber	'000 m ³	344.2	334.8
Woodchips	'000 tonnes	4 440.1	3 929.9

(a) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation.

MINING

		1997-98	1998-99
Turnover of establishments	\$m	423.8	n.y.a
Mineral concentrates produced			
Copper concentrate	'000 tonnes	109.6	76.8
Iron concentrate (pellets)	'000 tonnes	1 820.8	1 816.1
Tin concentrate	'000 tonnes	16.2	12.5
Zinc concentrate	'000 tonnes	335.4	382.3

PHYSICAL

Area of State (incl. lesser islands)	km ²	68 119
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POPULATION(a)

		1998	1999
Estimated resident population, Tasmania			
Aged less than 15	no.	101 997	100 169
Aged 15-24	no.	64 890	64 435
Aged 25-64	no.	242 823	242 597
Aged 65 and over	no.	61 990	63 060
Total	no.	471 700	470 261
Greater Hobart Statistical Division	no.	194 896	p 194 166
Greater Launceston Statistical District	no.	98 313	p 98 160
Burnie-Devonport Statistical District	no.	78 574	p 78 147
Density	no./km ²	7	7
Births	no.	5 974	5 909
Deaths	no.	3 837	3 557
Marriages	no.	2 672	2 599
Divorces	no.	1 321	1 322

(a) Estimated resident population as at 30 June.

PRICE INDEXES (HOBART)

	1999	2000
Consumer Price Index (March)		
Index number (1989-90=100)	122.1	125.3
Increase over previous year	% 0.5	2.6
Building materials - house (March)		
Index number (1989-90=100)	122.1	124.6
Increase over previous year	% 0.7	2
Building materials - other (March)		
Index number (1989-90=100)	118.5	119.2
Increase over previous year	% 0.7	0.6

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION

	1986	1996
Christian	no. 324 792	332 468
Non-Christian	no. 1 967	3 661
Other groups	no. 50 231	79 203
Not stated	no. 59 363	44 327
Total persons	no. 436 353	459 659

RETAIL TRADE(a)

	1986	1992
Retail establishments at 30 June	no. 4 592	4 839
Turnover (trend)	1997-98	1998-99
Food retailing	\$m 1 345	1 344
Clothing and soft goods retailing	\$m 188.3	189.5
Household goods retailing	\$m 303.4	312.9
Recreational goods retailing	\$m 215.7	203.1
Hospitality and services	\$m 436	430.5
Total	\$m 3 133.9	3 150.2

(a) Excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol etc. (b) Includes department stores.

TASMANIA COMPARED WITH AUSTRALIA

Area		Percent of Australian total
Demography		0.9
Estimated resident population	30 June 1999p	2.5
Births	1999p	2.4
Deaths (including infant death)	1999p	2.8
Marriages	1999p	2.4
Divorces	1999p	2.6
Labour force (provisional trend estimate)		
Employed persons	June 1999	2.3
Unemployed persons	June 1999	3.1
Agriculture		
Gross value of agricultural commodities produced	1997-98	2.3
Area of establishments	1997-98	0.4
Sheep and lambs	1997-98	3.3
Pigs	1997-98	0.9
Milk by volume	1997-98	5.9
Wool by weight(a)	1997-98	2.8
Manufacturing		
Persons employed	1997-98	2.3
Turnover	1997-98	2.3
Foreign trade		
Value of imports	1998-99	0.4
Value of exports	1998-99	2.4

(a) Wool received by brokers and dealers.

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TOURISM AND TRAVEL

		1998	1999
Total adult visitors to Tasmania(a)	no.	505 100	542 200
Visitors' expenditure in Tasmania(a)	\$m	556.7	562.9
Accommodation (total capacity 30 June)			
Licensed hotels with facilities, guest rooms	no.	2 917	2 900
Motels and Guest Houses with facilities, guest rooms	no.	1 739	1 746
Serviced Apartments, guest rooms	no.	900	864

(a) Source: Tasmanian Visitor Survey conducted by Tourism Tasmania.

Source: Tourism Tasmania. Excludes cruise ships.

TRANSPORT

		1998	1999
New motor vehicles registered during year	no.	15 972	15 145
New motorcycles registered during year	no.	542	568
Motor vehicles and motorcycles on register, at 31 Oct(a)	no.	314 482	n.y.a.

(a) Figures for 1997 and 1998.

WAGES

		1998	1999
Total average weekly earnings			
Full-time adult employees (February)	\$	734.7	751.5
Increase over previous year	%	3.2	2.3
Wage Cost Index			
Total hourly rates of pay excluding bonuses (Sept. quarter 1997=100.0) (December)		102.9	106

SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED

mm	— millimetres	'000	— thousand
\$m	— million dollars	\$	— dollars
km²	— kilometres	n.y.a.	— not yet available
p	— preliminary	kW.h	— kilowatt hours
no.	— number	%	— percent
'000m³	— thousand metre cubed	n.p.	— not published

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