

2003 TASMANIA AT A GLANCE



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.



AGRICULTURE

		2000-01	2001-02p
Livestock numbers			
Milk cattle (excluding house cows)	'000	210	195
Meat cattle	'000	426	425
Sheep and lambs	'000	3 284	3 406
Pigs	'000	22	19
Production of			
Red meat (carcass weight)	tonnes	68 596	61 863
Milk(a)	million litres	590	672
Wool(b)	tonnes	12 709	14 268
Barley for grain	tonnes	26 396	25 000
Apples	tonnes	56 105	nya
Beans, french and runner	tonnes	12 593	nya
Peas, green (processing)	tonnes	23 979	nya
Onions	tonnes	42 215	nya
Potatoes	tonnes	331 019	nya
Gross value	\$m	755.0	828.1
(a) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation. (b) Wool received by brokers and dealers.			

BUILDING APPROVALS

		1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02
New dwellings				
Private	no.	1 811	1 164	1 948
Public	no.	27	24	71
Total	no.	1 838	1 188	2 019
Value	\$m	193.4	127.5	221
New non-residential buildings approved(a)				
	\$m	160.6	152.5	168
(a) Includes alterations and additions valued at \$50,000 or more.				

CLIMATE 2002(a)

		Launceston Airport	Hobart(b)
Total rainfall	mm	565	466
Rain days	no.	132	146
Mean daily maximum temperature	°C	17.7	17.6
Mean daily minimum temperature	°C	6.0	9.3
Highest temperature	°C	28.9	32.5
Lowest temperature	°C	-4.8	1.1
Mean daily sunshine	hrs	7.6	6.8
Frost days	no.	81	6
(a) Averages based on all available years. Extremes based on all available data.			
(b) All observations taken at Hobart city site with the exception of sunshine hours which are recorded at Hobart airport.			

EDUCATION

		2000	2001	2002
Schools				
Government	no.	215	214	214
Non-government	no.	67	67	66
Students				
Government	no.	62 803	61 976	61 508
Non-government	no.	20 734	20 821	20 842
University (total enrolments)	no.	12 779	12 820	13 972
Maritime College (total enrolments)	no.	r 2 179	r 2 548	2 795
VET (total enrolments)	no.	r 23 687	24 255	24 377

FINANCE

		1999–2000	2000–01
State Government			
Revenue			
Taxation revenue	\$m	654	516
Current grants and subsidies	\$m	1 233	1 555
Other revenue	\$m	1 723	1 687
Total revenue	\$m	3 599	3 758
Expenses			
Gross operating expenses	\$m	2 611	2 740
Interest expenses	\$m	429	440
Other expenses	\$m	367	459
Total expenses	\$m	3 406	3 639
GFS Net Operating Balance	\$m	193	118
Assets			
Financial	\$m	2 846	2 872
Non-financial	\$m	11 081	11 127
Total assets	\$m	13 927	13 998
Total liabilities	\$m	7 820	7 660
Net Worth as at 30 June	\$m	6 106	6 338
Local Government			
Revenue			
Taxation revenue	\$m	150	164
Current grants and subsidies	\$m	71	68
Other revenue	\$m	217	233
Total revenue	\$m	438	465
Expenses			
Gross operating expenses	\$m	410	431
Interest expenses	\$m	15	15
Other expenses	\$m	12	9
Total expenses	\$m	437	455
GFS Net Operating Balance	\$m	1	9
Assets			
Financial	\$m	192	190
Non-financial	\$m	3 826	3 958
Total assets	\$m	4 017	4 148
Total liabilities	\$m	304	267
Net Worth as at 30 June	\$m	3 714	3 881
Private			
Banking deposits(a) (June)	\$m	3 269	3 489
Housing finance (seasonally adjusted), total secured housing commitments(b)	\$m	75	85
(a) Average of weekly figures. (b) Excludes alterations and additions; including refinancing.			

FOREIGN TRADE

		1999–2000	2000–01	2001–02
Total imports	\$m	440	524	518
Total exports	\$m	2 215	2 435	2 388
Exports to				
ASEAN	\$m	384	391	347
European Community	\$m	309	154	129
Japan	\$m	489	573	548
USA	\$m	203	230	295

LABOUR FORCE (Provisional trend estimate)

		2001	2002	2003
Persons in labour force (March)				
Total in labour force	no.	219 800	216 100	221 600
Employed	no.	200 900	197 800	202 000
Unemployed	no.	18 900	18 300	19 600
Participation rate (March)	%	59.1	57.9	58.9
Unemployment rate (March)	%	8.6	8.5	8.8

MANUFACTURING

		1999–2000	2000–01	2001–02
Production of				
Butter(a)	tonnes	8 209	5 949	7 368
Cheese(a)	tonnes	33 344	32 355	35 155
Electricity	million kW.h	10 050	10 150	10 210
Refined zinc	'000 tonnes	232	233	252
Sawn timber	'000 m ³	366	339	387

(a) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation.

MINING

		1999–2000	2000–01	2001–02
Mineral concentrates produced				
Copper concentrate	'000 tonnes	104.3	105.4	115.0
Iron concentrate (pellets)	'000 tonnes	2 068.3	2 027.3	2 151.6
Tin concentrate	'000 tonnes	14.8	14.8	12.4
Zinc concentrate	'000 tonnes	311.9	143.2	138.7
Lead	'000 tonnes	98.7	40.6	35.6

POPULATION(a)

		r 2000	r 2001	p 2002
Estimated resident population, Tasmania				
Aged less than 15	no.	99 779	99 081	97 798
Aged 15–24	no.	62 427	62 037	62 707
Aged 25–64	no.	245 357	245 792	246 082
Aged 65 and over	no.	63 846	64 885	66 138
Total	no.	471 409	471 795	472 725
Greater Hobart Statistical Division	no.	196 468	197 282	198 026
Greater Launceston Statistical District	no.	98 375	98 526	99 088
Burnie-Devonport Statistical District	no.	77 736	77 480	77 385
Density	no./km ²	7	7	7
Births	no.	5 819	5 816	nya
Deaths	no.	3 721	3 813	nya
Marriages	no.	2 589	2 182	nya
Divorces	no.	1 329	1 439	nya

(a) Estimated resident population as at 30 June.

INTERNET ACTIVITY

		Sept qtr 2000	Sept qtr 2001	Sept qtr 2002
Internet service providers	no.	30	r 29	28
Subscribers	no.	76 000	r 95 000	98 000
Data downloaded by subscribers	million Mbs	14	r 31	41

PRICE INDEXES (HOBART)

		2001	2002	2003
Consumer Price Index (March)				
Index number (1989–90=100)		132.1	135.2	140.0
Increase over previous year	%	5.4	2.3	3.6
Building materials — house (March)				
Index number (1989–90=100)		126.3	128.6	134.6
Increase over previous year	%	1.4	1.8	4.7
Building materials — other (March)				
Index number (1989–90=100)		120.2	121.6	124.2
Increase over previous year	%	0.8	1.2	2.1

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION

		1996	2001
Christian	no.	332 468	315 513
Non-Christian	no.	3 661	4 992
Other groups	no.	79 203	88 717
Not stated	no.	44 327	47 430
Total persons	no.	459 659	456 652

RETAIL TRADE(a)

		1999–2000	2000–01	2001–02
Turnover (trend)				
Food retailing	\$m	1 325.5	1 401.0	1 448.5
Clothing and soft goods retailing	\$m	150.5	158.9	190.1
Household goods retailing	\$m	403.1	479.7	519.9
Recreational goods retailing	\$m	180.3	180.9	193.0
Hospitality and services	\$m	369.6	377.9	365.0
Total	\$m	3 047.7	3 230.1	3 387.2

(a) Excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol etc.

TASMANIA COMPARED WITH AUSTRALIA

Area	km ²	Period	Tasmania	% of Australian total
Demography(a)				
Estimated resident population	no.	2002	472 725	2.4
Births	no.	2001	5 816	2.4
Deaths (including infant death)	no.	2001	3 847	2.9
Marriages	no.	2001	2 182	2.1
Divorces	no.	2001	1 439	2.6
Labour force				
Employed persons	no.	March 2003	202 000	2.1
Unemployed persons	no.	March 2003	19 600	3.1
Agriculture				
Gross value of production	\$m	2001–02	828.1	2.1
Area of establishments	'000 ha	2001–02	p 1 781	0.4
Manufacturing				
Persons employed	no.	2000–01	20 600	2.2
Sales and service income	\$m	2000–01	5 044	2.0
Foreign trade				
Value of imports	\$m	2001–02	518	0.4
Value of exports	\$m	2001–02	2 388	2.0

(a) As at 30 June.

TOURISM AND TRAVEL

		1999–2000	2000–01	2001–02
Total adult visitors to Tasmania(a)	no.	531 500	531 000	519 900
Visitors' expenditure in Tasmania(a)	\$m	642.2	705.0	712.0
Accommodation (total capacity 30 June)				
Licensed hotels with facilities, guest rooms	no.	2 871	2 913	2 879
Motels and Guest Houses with facilities, guest rooms	no.	1 749	1 684	1 648
Serviced Apartments, guest rooms	no.	876	881	1 030

(a) Tasmanian Visitor Survey conducted by Tourism Tasmania. Excludes cruise ships.

TRANSPORT

		1999–2000	2000–01	2001–02
Sales of New Motor Vehicles, by type (trend)(a)				
Passenger vehicles	no.	9 216	9 887	9 504
Other vehicles	no.	4 720	4 691	5 266
Total	no.	13 936	14 579	14 771

		Oct 1999	Mar 2001	Mar 2002
Motor vehicles and motorcycles on register(b)	no.	321 000	r 331 073	335 057

(a) These statistics are based on the VFACTS series produced by the Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries.

(b) Figures from Motor Vehicle Census.

WAGES

		2000	2001	2002
Total average weekly earnings (trend)				
Full-time adult employees (November)	\$	770.8	803.0	849.3
Increase over previous year	%	3.9	4.2	5.8

Wage Cost Index

Total hourly rates of pay excluding bonuses (Sep. quarter 1997=100.0) (December)		108.9	112.1	116.2
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SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED

mm	— millimetres	'000	— thousand
\$m	— million dollars	\$	— dollars
km ²	— square kilometres	nya	— not yet available
p	— preliminary	kW.h	— kilowatt hours
no.	— number	%	— percent
'000m ³	— thousand metre cubed	np	— not published
hrs	— hours	ha	— hectare
°C	— degrees Celsius	r	— revised
Mb	— megabyte		

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