

2005 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

		r 2002-03	p 2003-04
Livestock numbers			
Milk cattle (excluding house cows)	'000	200	181
Meat cattle	'000	482	508
Sheep and lambs	'000	3 299	3 362
Pigs	'000	19	14
Production of			
Red meat (carcass weight)	tonnes	69 851	74 134
Milk(a)	million litres	585	589
Wool(b)	tonnes	14 357	13 138
Barley for grain	tonnes	21 000	27 000
Apples	tonnes	52 509	37 300
Beans, french and runner	tonnes	15 150	nya
Peas, green (processing)	tonnes	26 489	nya
Onions	tonnes	59 067	nya
Potatoes	tonnes	320 282	nya
Gross value	\$m	878.1	860.8
(a) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation.			
(b) Wool received by brokers and dealers.			

BUILDING APPROVALS

		2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
New dwellings				
Private	no.	r 1 962	2 122	3 071
Public	no.	71	23	70
Total	no.	r 2 033	2 145	3 141
Value	\$m	r 221.2	r 262.0	458.1
New non-residential buildings approved(a)				
	\$m	r 168.2	r 201.5	187.1
(a) Includes alterations and additions valued at \$50,000 or more.				

CLIMATE 2004(a)

		Launceston	Hobart
Total rainfall	mm	630	579
Rain days	no.	105	143
Mean daily maximum temperature	°C	18.0	16.8
Mean daily minimum temperature	°C	7.1	8.5
Highest temperature	°C	28.0	33.9
Lowest temperature	°C	-2.7	0.5
Mean daily sunshine	hrs	6.8	6.7
(a) Observations taken at Battery Point in Hobart and Ti Tree Bend in Launceston, except sunshine which is taken at the respective airports.			

EDUCATION

		2002	2003	2004
Schools				
Government	no.	214	214	214
Non-government	no.	66	67	66
Students				
Government	no.	61 508	61 157	60 685
Non-government	no.	20 842	21 219	21 577
University (total enrolments)	no.	13 972	14 506	15 901
Maritime College (total enrolments)	no.	2 795	2 724	2 054
Vocational Education and Training (VET) (total enrolments)	no.	50 701	54 814	57 682

FINANCE

		2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
State Government				
Revenue				
Taxation revenue	\$m	514	544	610
Current grants and subsidies	\$m	1 711	1 783	1 962
Other revenue	\$m	1 731	1 826	1 907
Total revenue	\$m	3 956	4 153	4 479
Expenses				
Gross operating expenses	\$m	2 836	3 031	3 259
Interest expenses	\$m	376	380	398
Other expenses	\$m	528	529	505
Total expenses	\$m	3 747	3 939	4 162
Government Finance Statistics (GFS) Net Operating Balance				
	\$m	209	214	317
Assets				
Financial	\$m	2 970	3 434	3 880
Non-financial	\$m	11 767	12 049	12 767
Total assets	\$m	14 737	15 483	16 647
Total liabilities	\$m	7 982	8 282	8 645
Net Worth as at 30 June	\$m	6 855	7 200	8 003
Local Government				
Revenue				
Taxation revenue	\$m	175	175	184
Current grants and subsidies	\$m	69	72	74
Other revenue	\$m	237	260	288
Total revenue	\$m	481	506	546
Expenses				
Gross operating expenses	\$m	474	484	503
Interest expenses	\$m	15	14	15
Other expenses	\$m	9	14	14
Total expenses	\$m	498	512	533
GFS Net Operating Balance				
	\$m	-16	-6	13
Assets				
Financial	\$m	212	222	246
Non-financial	\$m	4 261	4 391	4 627
Total assets	\$m	4 474	4 614	4 873
Total liabilities	\$m	289	298	297
Net Worth as at 30 June	\$m	4 188	4 316	4 576

FOREIGN TRADE

		2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
Total imports	\$m	518	763	669
Total exports	\$m	2 388	2 453	2 317
Exports to				
The Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN)	\$m	347	304	228
European Community	\$m	133	r 220	121
Japan	\$m	548	588	590
United States of America	\$m	295	231	275

LABOUR FORCE(a)

		2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
Persons in labour force				
Total in labour force	no.	217 800	220 800	225 700
Employed	no.	198 400	201 400	210 100
Unemployed	no.	19 400	19 400	15 600
Participation rate	%	58.3	58.5	59.0
Unemployment rate	%	8.9	8.8	6.9

(a) Average of monthly original estimates.

MANUFACTURING

		2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
Production of				
Cheese(a)	tonnes	r 35 143	r 33 638	p 36 991
Electricity	million kW.h	10 210	10 460	na
Refined zinc	'000 tonnes	252	253	na
Sawn timber	'000 m ³	387	399	437

(a) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation.

MINING

		2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
Mineral concentrates produced				
Copper concentrate	'000 tonnes	115.0	108.1	107.8
Iron concentrate (pellets)	'000 tonnes	2 151.6	2 142.3	2 203.0
Zinc concentrate	'000 tonnes	138.7	141.9	155.2
Lead	'000 tonnes	35.6	42.2	43.1

POPULATION(a)

		2002	r 2003	p 2004
Estimated resident population, Tasmania				
Aged less than 15 years	no.	97 717	97 354	97 102
Aged 15-24 years	no.	62 639	63 539	64 570
Aged 25-64 years	no.	246 186	249 015	251 670
Aged 65 years and over	no.	66 070	67 397	68 786
Total	no.	472 612	477 305	482 128
Greater Hobart Statistical Division	no.	197 878	199 926	202 138
Greater Launceston Statistical District	no.	99 134	100 664	101 984
Burnie-Devonport Statistical District	no.	77 366	78 239	79 058
Density	no./km ²	7	7	7.1
Births	no.	r 6 003	5 752	nya
Deaths	no.	r 3 979	3 965	nya
Marriages	no.	2 605	2 599	nya
Divorces	no.	1 386	1 336	nya

(a) Estimated resident population as at 30 June.

INTERNET ACTIVITY

		Sep qtr 2002	Sep qtr 2003	Sep qtr 2004
Internet service providers	no.	28	24	23
Subscribers	no.	98 000	107 000	111 000
Data downloaded by subscribers	million Mbs	49	78	231

PRICE INDEXES (HOBART)

		2003	2004	2005
Consumer Price Index (March)				
Index number (1989–90=100)		140.0	143.0	148.0
Increase over previous year	%	3.6	2.1	3.5
Building materials — house (March)				
Index number (1989–90=100)		134.6	134.6	140.4
Increase over previous year	%	4.7	4.3	5.8
Building materials — other (June)(a)				
Index number (1989–90=100)		125.4	129.5	na
Increase over previous year	%	2.1	3.3	na

(a) Series discontinued from June 2004

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)

		r 2001–02	r 2002–03	2003–04
Turnover (trend)				
Food retailing	\$m	1 468.4	1 490.1	1 640.9
Clothing and soft goods retailing	\$m	185.9	195.0	198.9
Household goods retailing	\$m	535.4	596.1	687.8
Recreational goods retailing	\$m	190.5	185.9	233.5
Hospitality and services	\$m	382.2	419.3	485.2
Total	\$m	3 421.9	3 640.1	4 083.1

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

TASMANIA COMPARED WITH AUSTRALIA

Area	km ²	Period	Tasmania	% of Australian total
			68 102	0.9
Demography(a)				
Estimated resident population	no.	2004	482 128	2.4
Births	no.	2003	5 752	2.3
Deaths (including infant death)	no.	2003	3 965	3.0
Marriages	no.	2003	2 599	2.4
Divorces	no.	2003	1 336	2.5
Labour force				
Employed persons	no.	March 2005	218 100	2.2
Unemployed persons	no.	March 2005	12 900	2.4
Agriculture				
Gross value of production	\$m	2003–04	860.8	2.4
Area of establishments	'000 ha	2002–03	1 771	0.4
Manufacturing				
Wages and salaries (b)	\$m	2002–03	868.8	1.9
Industry value added	\$m	2002–03	2 059.6	2.3
Sales and service income	\$m	2002–03	5 679	1.8
Foreign trade				
Value of imports	\$m	2003–04	669	0.5
Value of exports	\$m	2003–04	2 317	2.1

(a) As at 30 June.

(b) Excludes the drawings of working proprietors.

TOURISM AND TRAVEL

		2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
Total adult visitors to Tasmania(a)	'000	r 519.9	652.2	739.8
Visitors' expenditure in Tasmania(a)	\$m	712.0	945.3	1 073.5
Accommodation (total capacity 30 June)		2002	2003	2004
Licensed hotels with facilities, guest rooms	no.	2 879	2 916	2 980
Motels and Guest Houses with facilities, guest rooms	no.	1 648	1 910	1 913
Serviced Apartments, guest rooms	no.	1 030	1 179	1 284

(a) Tasmanian Visitor Survey (TVS) conducted by Tourism Tasmania. Data from TVS includes visitors who arrived on scheduled airline flights and Bass Strait ferries only.

TRANSPORT

		r 2001-02	r 2002-03	r 2003-04
Sales of new motor vehicles, by type (trend)(a)				
Passenger vehicles	no.	9 467	9 017	11 300
Sports utility vehicles	no.	2 389	2 871	3 241
Other vehicles	no.	2 906	3 513	4 236
Total	no.	14 762	15 401	18 777
		March 2002	March 2003	March 2004
Motor vehicles and motorcycles on register(b)	no.	335 057	338 484	350 403

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

(b) Figures from Motor Vehicle Census.

WAGES

		2002	2003	2004
Total average weekly earnings (trend)				
Full-time adult employees (November)	\$	r 850.10	r 864.80	923.70
Increase over previous year	%	5.8	1.7	6.8
Wage Price Index				
Total hourly rates of pay excluding bonuses (2003-04=100.0) (December)		r 96.7	r 99.8	103.3

SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED

°C	— degrees Celsius	p	— preliminary
A\$	— Australian dollars	qtr	— quarter
ha	— hectare	r	— revised
hrs	— hours	Sep	— September
kW.h	— kilowatt hour	km²	— square kilometre
Mbs	— megabyte	'000	— thousand
mm	— millimetre	'000m³	— thousand metre cubed
\$m	— million dollars	VFACTS	— Vehicle facts as published by The Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries
nya	— not yet available		
no.	— number		
%	— per cent		

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