



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>Jun 97</i>	<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>
ASSETS											
<i>Assets in Australia</i>											
<i>Cash and deposits</i>	1,611	960	824	717	1,463	797	631	626	858	506	392
Cash and bank deposits	1,250	597	572	514	1,234	602	398	416	657	352	240
Other deposit taking institutions	361	363	252	203	229	195	233	210	201	154	152
<i>Loans and placements</i>	369	366	370	362	343	333	315	333	366	328	373
<i>Short term securities</i>	3,216	3,305	3,173	3,262	2,680	3,227	3,132	2,992	2,698	2,893	2,664
Bills of exchange	1,517	1,700	1,475	1,234	1,211	1,216	1,143	1,086	908	891	815
Bank certificates of deposit	1,495	1,131	1,349	1,658	1,082	1,670	1,589	1,516	1,442	1,593	1,564
Other short term securities	204	474	349	370	387	341	400	390	348	409	285
<i>Long term securities</i>	1,233	1,690	1,792	1,726	1,522	1,510	1,643	1,669	1,631	1,609	1,685
Commonwealth government bonds	228	302	336	295	308	301	344	307	280	220	248
State and local government securities	412	645	549	564	443	442	442	397	377	239	240
Other long term securities	593	743	907	867	771	767	857	965	974	1,150	1,197
<i>Equities and Units in trusts</i>	171	186	199	204	212	258	287	315	336	329	527
Private trading corporation shares	119	119	128	133	138	145	166	192	200	205	213
Financial sector shares	30	34	33	32	36	50	51	53	51	39	68
Units in trusts	22	33	38	39	38	63	70	70	85	85	246
<i>Other financial assets</i>	83	63	56	121	129	135	143	144	152	122	140
<i>Non-financial assets</i>											
Land and buildings	391	341	328	324	292	302	296	292	286	285	281
Other non-financial assets	143	97	103	98	111	107	104	104	106	81	101
<i>Total Assets in Australia</i>	7,217	7,008	6,845	6,814	6,752	6,669	6,551	6,475	6,433	6,153	6,163
<i>Assets overseas</i>	45	48	52	51	55	61	50	68	67	67	73
TOTAL ASSETS	7,262	7,056	6,897	6,865	6,807	6,730	6,601	6,543	6,500	6,220	6,236

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

	<i>Jun 97</i>	<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>
LIABILITIES											
<i>Participants' equity</i>	6,764	6,681	6,499	6,441	6,385	6,301	6,197	6,150	6,151	5,962	5,917
<i>Borrowings</i>	106	105	108	103	111	116	114	115	157	91	177
<i>Other liabilities</i>	392	270	290	321	311	313	290	278	192	167	142
<i>TOTAL LIABILITIES</i>	7,262	7,056	6,897	6,865	6,807	6,730	6,601	6,543	6,500	6,220	6,236

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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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