

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES: AUSTRALIA

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Enclosed are the Friendly Societies tables for the quarter ended **September 2001.**

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TABLE 1. FRIENDLY SOCIETIES : ASSETS (\$ million)

	Mar 99	Jun 99	Sep 99	Dec 99	Mar 00	Jun 00	Sep 00	Dec 00	Mar 01	Jun 01	Sep 01
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Assets in Australia											
Cash and deposits	626	858	506	391	449	523	393	348	302	503	442
Cash and bank deposits	416	657	352	240	311	387	295	242	192	408	210
Other deposit taking institutions	210	201	154	151	138	136	98	106	110	95	232
Loans and placements	333	366	328	373	370	409	345	355	345	363	354
Short term securities	2,992	2,698	2,893	2,664	2,517	2,525	2,479	2,216	2,420	2,040	2,153
Bills of exchange	1,086	908	891	815	804	1,020	760	632	718	526	754
Bank certificates of deposit	1,516	1,442	1,593	1,564	1,423	1,218	1,396	1,244	1,355	1,101	1,033
Other short term securities	390	348	409	285	290	287	323	340	347	413	366
Long term securities	1,669	1,631	1,609	1,685	1,721	1,618	1,607	1,755	1,586	1,633	1,722
Commonwealth government bonds	307	280	220	248	259	254	233	238	172	203	190
State and local government securities	397	377	239	240	313	276	321	382	380	363	448
Other long term securities	965	974	1,150	1,197	1,149	1,088	1,053	1,135	1,034	1,067	1,084
Equities and Units in trusts	315	336	329	528	545	511	607	658	676	732	689
Private trading corporation shares	192	200	205	213	175	177	213	210	235	257	189
Financial sector shares	53	51	39	68	58	66	63	46	43	46	19
Units in trusts	70	85	85	247	312	268	331	402	398	429	481
Other financial assets	144	152	122	140	155	175	181	194	212	222	223
Non-financial assets											
Land and buildings	292	286	285	281	279	251	245	244	232	223	201
Other non-financial assets	104	106	81	101	107	71	90	84	82	157	70
Total Assets in Australia	6,475	6,433	6,153	6,163	6,143	6,083	5,947	5,854	5,855	5,873	5,854
Assets overseas	68	67	67	73	79	80	81	91	98	97	107
TOTAL ASSETS	6,543	6,500	6,220	6,236	6,222	6,163	6,028	5,945	5,953	5,970	5,961

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

	Mar 99	Jun 99	Sep 99	Dec 99	Mar 00	Jun 00	Sep 00	Dec 00	Mar 01	Jun 01	Sep 01
LIABILITIES											
Participants' equity	6,150	6,151	5,962	5,917	5,848	5,828	5,762	5,687	5,688	5,707	5,733
Borrowings	115	157	91	177	168	131	128	128	107	105	63
Other liabilities	278	192	167	142	206	204	138	130	158	158	165
TOTAL LIABILITIES	6,543	6,500	6,220	6,236	6,222	6,163	6,028	5,945	5,953	5,970	5,961

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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

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

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

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