

Snapshot of Progress for 2007

Tasmania *Together* has 12 broad goals and 143 measures that express the community's priorities for Tasmania's future. From each goal, a measure has been selected as the 'headline indicator'.

These 12 indicators show a snapshot of progress across Tasmania *Together* using data available at 5 November 2007.

Compared to last year ...

- 1. Costs of essentials for low-income families have increased substantially.
- 2. Tasmanians feel safer at night both at home and in public places.
- 3. Student literacy and numeracy for Years 3, 5 and 7 have remained unchanged.
- 4. There has been a large reduction in the number of avoidable deaths.
- 5. Our regional population remains stable.
- 6. Attendance at cultural heritage sites including our museums and art galleries has increased.
- 7. The number of visitor centres with Aboriginal cultural interpretation has not increased.
- 8. The percentage of people voting in local government elections has decreased slightly.
- 9. There has been a decrease in the percentage of people participating in the workforce.
- 10. Tasmania has had strong investment growth.
- 11. The amount of land protected in conservation reserves has increased.
- 12. Tasmania's greenhouse gas emissions have not been reduced.

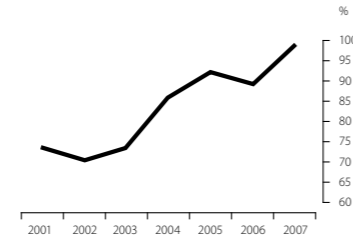
- we are making progress towards our targets
- we are not making progress towards our targets

For information on the other indicators in each goal, please visit www.tasmaniatogether.tas.gov.au or contact us by phone on 03 6233 5958.

Individuals and wellbeing

Tasmania *Together* includes four goals related to progress for individual wellbeing. They relate to standard of living, safety, education and health.

1. Cost of living for low-income families

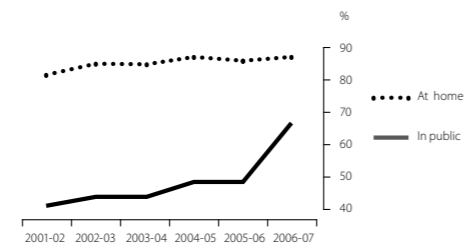


Proportion of income spent on essential items for welfare dependent families
Source: Anglicare

- A capacity to spend on things other than basic needs provides a better quality of life. Basic needs include housing, electricity, transportation, medication and groceries.
- The cost of essentials for families has increased steadily for several years. The main cause of this is increased housing costs. We are not likely to meet the 2010 target of 62.5%.

This is one of 10 indicators used to measure our progress towards Goal 1: A reasonable lifestyle and standard of living for all Tasmanians.

2. Tasmanians' sense of safety

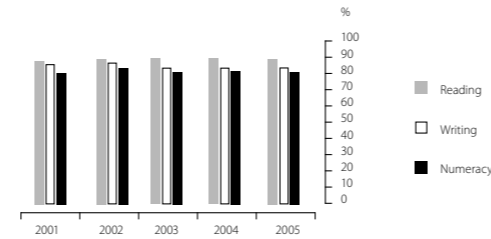


Proportion of people who feel safe at night
Source: Department of Police and Emergency Management

- Feeling safe both at home and in public is important for a good quality of life.
- Tasmanians' perceptions of safety improved during 2006-07. We have achieved our targets for feelings of safety at night. We are also on track to meet our 2010 targets for feelings of safety during the day.
- Further data about feelings of safety during the day is available at www.tasmaniatogether.tas.gov.au/snapshot.
- Tasmania continues to rate higher than the national average for feelings of safety.

This is one of 12 indicators used to measure progress towards Goal 2: Confident, friendly and safe communities.

3. Student literacy and numeracy

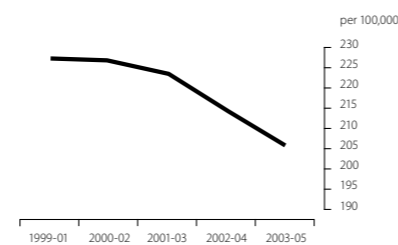


Proportion of Year 7 students reaching national literacy and numeracy benchmarks
Source: Department of Education

- Literacy and numeracy skills are fundamental for lifelong learning and a skilled workforce.
- This graph shows no improvement for Year 7 students in all three areas (reading, writing and numeracy).
- Data for Years 3 and 5 similarly show no significant change in the percentage of students achieving the benchmarks. Data for these years is available at www.tasmaniatogether.tas.gov.au/snapshot.
- The trend since 2001 indicates that it will be difficult to meet the 2010 targets.

This is one of 7 indicators used to measure our progress towards Goal 3: High-quality education and training for lifelong learning and a skilled workforce.

4. Number of avoidable deaths



Number of avoidable deaths per 100,000 persons aged under 75
Source: Department of Health and Human Services

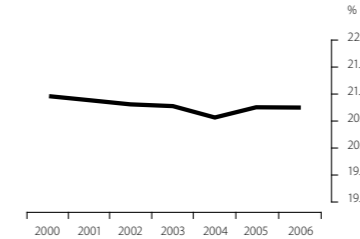
- Fewer people dying from avoidable or preventable causes should indicate healthier lifestyles, improved health care and effective public health interventions.
- There has been an ongoing decrease in the number of avoidable deaths in Tasmania.
- By maintaining the current trend, we are likely to achieve the 2010 target of a 10% reduction since 2005.

This is one of 17 indicators used to measure our progress towards Goal 4: Active, healthy Tasmanians with access to quality and affordable health care services.

Community

Tasmania *Together* includes four goals related to the progress of our community, culture and democracy. They relate to vibrant communities, arts and culture, Aboriginal culture and open and accountable government.

5. Our regional population

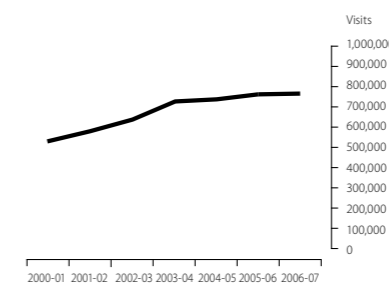


Proportion of Tasmania's population outside the major urban centres
Source: Australian Demographic Statistics (for 2000-2005 data) and Regional Population Growth, Australia, 1996-2006 (for 2006 data), Australian Bureau of Statistics

- To sustain vibrant regional communities, population levels need to be maintained.
- The decline in regional populations since 2001 reversed in 2005. The 2010 target is to maintain regional population levels.

This is one of 17 indicators used to measure our progress towards Goal 5: Vibrant, inclusive and growing communities where people feel valued and connected.

6. Attendance at cultural heritage sites

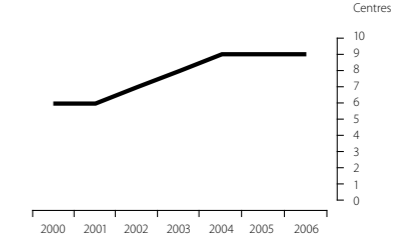


Number of attendances at major cultural heritage sites
Source: Department of Tourism, Arts and the Environment

- Visits to major sites is an indicator of interest in cultural heritage.
- Since 2001 this benchmark has shown a positive trend. The 2010 target of 1,000,000 visitors appears to be achievable.
- Major cultural heritage sites include our museums and art galleries.

This is one of 10 indicators used to measure our progress towards Goal 6: Dynamic, creative and internationally recognised arts community and culture.

7. The number of major visitor centres with Aboriginal cultural interpretation

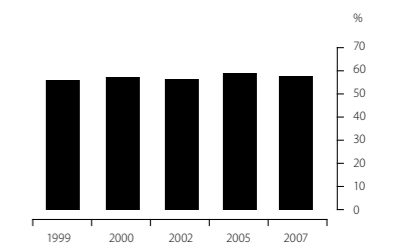


Number of major visitor centres with Aboriginal cultural interpretation
Source: Department of Premier and Cabinet

- Public awareness and understanding of Aboriginal culture can be increased by including interpretation in major visitor centres.
- There has been no increase since 2004.
- The 2010 target is for 10 major visitor centres to include Aboriginal cultural interpretation. The increase since 2001 means that we are on track to meet this target.

This is one of 6 indicators used to measure our progress towards Goal 7: Acknowledgment of the right of Aboriginal people to own and preserve their culture, and share with non-Aboriginal people the richness and value of that culture.

8. Participation in local government elections



Participation in statewide local government elections
Source: Tasmanian Electoral Commission

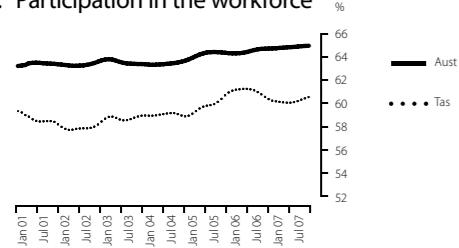
- Voting in local government elections is voluntary, so participation should indicate interest and awareness.
- Participation decreased slightly in the most recent (2007) elections. Strong improvement will be needed to meet the 2010 target of 65%.
- Tasmanian participation in local government elections is much higher than that in other states that have voluntary voting.

This is one of 13 indicators used to measure our progress towards Goal 8: Open and accountable government that listens and plans for a shared future.

Economy

Tasmania *Together* includes two goals related to economic growth. They relate to increasing employment, and innovative and thriving industries.

9. Participation in the workforce

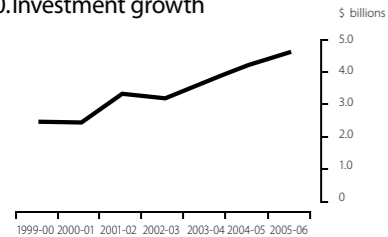


Labour force participation rate - monthly
Source: Labour Force Australia, Australian Bureau of Statistics

- Labour force participation is an indicator of the perceived availability and quality of employment opportunities and the willingness of job-seekers to enter the labour market.
- Following a peak in early 2006, the labour force participation rate declined for about 12 months. However, the most recent data shows signs of improvement. It will be difficult to reach the 2010 target to match the national participation rate.

This is one of 9 indicators used to measure our progress towards Goal 9: Increased work opportunities for all Tasmanians.

10. Investment growth



Amount of private and public investment
Source: Australian National Accounts: State Accounts, 2005-06, Australian Bureau of Statistics

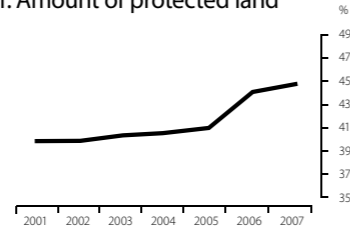
- Private and public investment is a measure of confidence in the economic future of Tasmania.
- Investment in Tasmania has grown strongly since 2002-03. In 2005-06, the growth in private investment was estimated at nearly 11%. This is well above the 2010 target of 2% growth. It is also higher than the national estimate of 8.7% growth in private investment.

This is one of 16 indicators used to measure our progress towards Goal 10: Thriving and innovative industries driven by a high level of business confidence.

Environment

Tasmania *Together* includes two goals related to environmental management. They relate to built and natural heritage and sustainable management of natural resources.

11. Amount of protected land



Percentage of land protected in conservation reserves
Source: Department of Primary Industries and Water

- Reserve systems are an indicator of the extent to which we are conserving and protecting our natural heritage.
- Since 2001 this benchmark has shown a steady positive trend. The 2010 target of protecting 46% of Tasmania appears to be achievable.
- Protected land includes land protected under legislation and heritage regimes.

This is one of 15 indicators used to measure our progress towards Goal 11: Built and natural heritage that is valued and protected.

In Summary

This Snapshot of Progress shows us that Tasmania has made progress in some areas – like reducing the number of avoidable deaths, stabilising our regional population and increasing the number of visitors to cultural heritage sites.

The indicators also show that there is work to be done if we are to have the kind of Tasmania we want. Areas for improvement include literacy and numeracy, cost of living for low income families, workforce participation and greenhouse gas emissions.

Our Tasmania *Together* Partners are already tackling many of these issues, as are the State Government, local councils, and business and community groups.

For some of the ways that you can help to improve our State, pick up a copy of the *51 Ways to Make Tasmania a Better Place* brochure at your nearest Service Tasmania shop.



About Tasmania Together

Tasmania *Together* is a plan developed by Tasmanians for our community.

It outlines what we want for ourselves, our children and our State by the year 2020.

It sets the goals that we are aiming for – as well as ways to measure our progress – so we can see what we've achieved and what still needs to be done.

For more information about Tasmania *Together* or this Snapshot of Progress, please contact us (see back page).

Our Vision

"Tasmania is an island community, unique for its natural and cultural environment, where people enjoy a prosperous lifestyle based on quality, creativity and opportunity."

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