


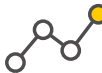






An overview of TAS

Key categories		This quarter	Vs decade average
	Dwelling commencements	772	+20.7%
	Unemployment	5.3%	-17.4%
	Population growth	1.00%	+72.3%
	Economic growth	\$39,368m	+20.9%
	Equipment investment	\$161m	-12.9%
	Housing finance	\$224m	+29.1%
	Retail spending	\$1,642m	+13.1%
	Construction work	\$800m	+17.9%

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Tasmania now shares top spot
on the economic performance rankings with Victoria. Tasmania leads on two of the eight economic indicators.