

State scorecard: how states rate

	Performance metric	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	AUS
<b>Economic development</b>	Real GSI per capita (\$1,000)	73	64	67	97	60	56	93	106	71
	Employment rate, 25–64 year-olds (%)	77	77	76	79	76	74	83	81	77
	Not in education or employment and w/o qualification rate, 19–24 year olds (%)	8.9	7.5	10.3	9.6	9.9	13.8	5.2	26.1	9.3
<b>Regional development</b>	Regional incomes, median per capita (\$1,000)	44	42	44	50	42	42		54	
	Regional incomes compared to capital city median (%)	86	87	90	93	88	90		87	
	Regional employment rate compared to capital city (%)	-3.7	-2.9	-2.5	1.7	0.1	-4.7			
<b>Transport and cities</b>	Post-completion reviews published in last 4 years (number)	2	7	2	2	2	1	1	0	
	Commutes by walking or cycling, 2016 (% of commutes in capital city)	5.2	4.9	4.5	3.5	3.8	7.6	7.9	6.7	4.8
	Commute distance (bee-line) in capital cities, median (km)	7.7	8.7	8.2	9.1	7.7	6.7	7.8	7.8	8.2
<b>Housing</b>	Housing stock (per 100 people aged 20 or over)	54	56	57	58	60	62	55	54	56
	Rental stress, share of bottom 40% of income earners (%)	51	47	36	49	39	26	34	36	45
	Homelessness rate (per 10,000 people)	50	42	46	36	37	32	40	599	50
<b>School education</b>	Progress, relative to national average, year 3–5 NAPLAN (months)	-0.4	-0.3	1.4	0.3	-1.0	-0.4	-2.3		
	High achieving year 9 students (top two NAPLAN bands) (%)	27	22	19	24	16	16	27	10	23
	Low achieving year 9 students (at or below NAPLAN NMS) (%)	19	20	22	19	25	27	16	48	21
	Government funding to state schools as a percentage of target (%)	89	82	90	100	88	95	112	89	89
<b>Health</b>	Avoidable mortality rate, capital city areas (per 100,000)	297	295	327	316	314	382	269	412	306
	Avoidable mortality rate, regional areas (per 100,000)	374	359	339	395	341	412		617	364
	Cost per weighted patient treated, average per separation (\$1,000)	5.1	4.7	5.1	6.4	5.7	5.2	6.3	6.7	5.2
	Waiting time for elective procedures, median (days)	54	30	32	34	39	45	46	28	38
<b>Energy</b>	Electricity price, average residential retail (cents/kWh)	32	34	33	33	41	29	26	28	
	Emissions intensity of grid-purchased electricity (tonnes of CO2e/MWh)	0.9	1.2	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.2	0.9	0.7	0.9
	Unplanned outages (average annual minutes per customer over the last 5 years)	213	139	357	227	369	312	44	324	236
<b>Taxes</b>	Share of state taxes collected from tax bases with high economic costs (%)	34	33	29	22	23	26	20	20	31
<b>Budgets</b>	Net Operating Balance (% of GSP)	0.7	0.5	0.4	-0.5	-0.4	0.3	-0.4	-2.0	0.3
	Net Debt (% of GSP)	-1.6	4.6	-0.1	9.0	5.1	-2.1	3.4	7.6	2.2
	Interest and depreciation (% of GSP)	1.4	1.3	1.7	1.0	1.7	1.9	2.2	2.8	1.4
<b>Institutional reform</b>	Transparency score (A – best to E – worst)	A	B	A	C	B	E	A	E	
	Accountability score (A – best to E – worst)	A	B	A	C	C	C	D	C	
	Caps on political expenditure? (Y/N)	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	
	Caps on political donations? (Y/N)	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	

State scorecard: how states have changed

Performance metric		NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	AUS
<b>Economic development</b>	Real GSI per capita, % change per year over 5 years	0.8	0.1	-0.1	-2.5	-0.2	0.7	1.0	2.4	-0.1
	Employment rate of 25–64 year olds, ppt change over 5 years	2.2	2.9	1.2	1.4	2.6	4.1	0.1	0.7	2.1
	Not in education or employment and w/o qualification, 19–24 year olds, ppt change over 5 years	-0.3	-0.1	-0.3	0.7	-0.3	0.4	0.4	1.6	0.1
<b>Regional development</b>	Regional incomes, median per capita, % change per year over 5 years	1.4	1.0	1.4	1.6	0.8	0.9		1.5	
	Regional incomes compared to capital city median, ppt change over 5 years	0.3	0.2	0.8	1.4	-0.9	-0.8		-3.4	
	Regional employment rate compared to capital city, ppt change over 5 years	0.3	-0.3	-0.2	3.3	4.0	0.0			
<b>Transport and cities</b>	Post-completion reviews published in last 4 years									
	Commutes by walking or cycling in capital city, ppt change over 5 years	-0.2	0.1	-0.2	-0.4	-0.4	0.3	0.5	-1.8	-0.1
	Median commute distance in capital cities, % change over 5 years	3	2	3	5	2	4	2	16	3
<b>Housing</b>	Housing stock, change in houses per 100 people aged 20+ over 5 years,	-1.5	-0.7	-0.9	-0.2	-0.6	-0.8	0.3	-0.4	-0.9
	Rental Stress, share of bottom 40% of income earners, ppt change over 4 years	10.8	2.2	-9.4	16	5.8	-7.5	3.1	7.3	4.2
	Homelessness rate, change in people per 10,000 people	10.7	0.2	2.2	-4.6	0.7	0.8	-8.5	-124	2.2
<b>School education</b>	Progress, relative to national average, year 3–5 NAPLAN (months)									
	High achieving year 9 students (top two NAPLAN bands), ppt change over 5 years	3.3	-0.4	3.2	4.0	-0.9	-0.6	-1.9	-0.6	1.9
	Low achieving year 9 students (at or below minimum NAPLAN standard), ppt change over 5 years	-6.2	-2.4	-6.0	-7.4	-2.6	-3.2	-2.3	-3.3	-5
	Government funding to state schools as a percentage of target, ppt change over 3 years	3.6	1.9	2.8	0.3	-0.2	2.4	-2.0	2.8	2.3
<b>Health</b>	Avoidable mortality rate in capital city areas per 100,000, % change over 5 years	-11.1	-9.8	-11.0	-0.8	-9.2	2.6	-13.4	-3.3	-9.1
	Avoidable mortality rate in regional areas per 100,000, % change over 5 years	-6.2	-8.4	-10.5	0.0	-10.5	0.5		-4.2	-7.5
	Cost per weighted patient treated, average per separation (\$1,000)	3.2	4.4	-4.4	27	18.2	-12.8	17.5	18.7	5.7
	Waiting time for elective procedures, change in median days over 4 years (%)	10	-17	19	13	15	18	-27	-28	6
<b>Energy</b>	Average residential retail electricity price, change in cents/KWh over 5 years	1.9	1.9	5.1	2.6	5.2	-4.7	-0.8	-0.7	
	Emissions intensity of grid-purchased electricity, change in tonnes of CO2e/MWh over 5 years	-0.07	-0.18	-0.02	-0.09	-0.11	-0.02	-0.07	-0.06	-0.08
	Unplanned outages, minutes per customer, average annual change over previous 5 year period	58	-23	-61	-115	165	18	10	-153	2
<b>Taxes</b>	Share of state taxes collected from tax bases with high economic costs, ppt change over 5 years	9.3	2.6	6.0	-2.3	1.7	5.2	-2.2	-8.1	5.1
<b>Budgets</b>	Net Operating Balance as % of GSP, ppt change over 5 years	0.4	-0.1	0.3	-0.8	0.7	1.2	0.7	-1.9	0.1
	Net Debt as % of GSP, ppt change over 5 years	-4.1	-1.1	-0.9	7.1	-0.4	-2.6	3.1	-0.9	-0.8
	Interest and depreciation as % of GSP, ppt change over 5 years	-0.1	-0.2	-0.4	0.2	0.2	-0.1	0.1	0.5	-0.1
<b>Institutional reform</b>	Transparency: positive (↑), neutral (–), or negative (↓) change over 5 years	↑	↑	↑	–	↑	–	↑	–	
	Accountability: positive (↑), neutral (–), or negative (↓) change over 5 years	↑	↑	↑	–	↑	↑	↑	↑	
	Expenditure caps introduced (↑), not introduced (–) or repealed (↓) over past 5 years	–	–	↓	–	↑	–	↑	–	
	Donations caps introduced (↑), not introduced (–) or repealed (↓) over past 5 years	–	↑	↓	–	–	–	↓	–	