

Tasmanian Rents

December Quarter 2019

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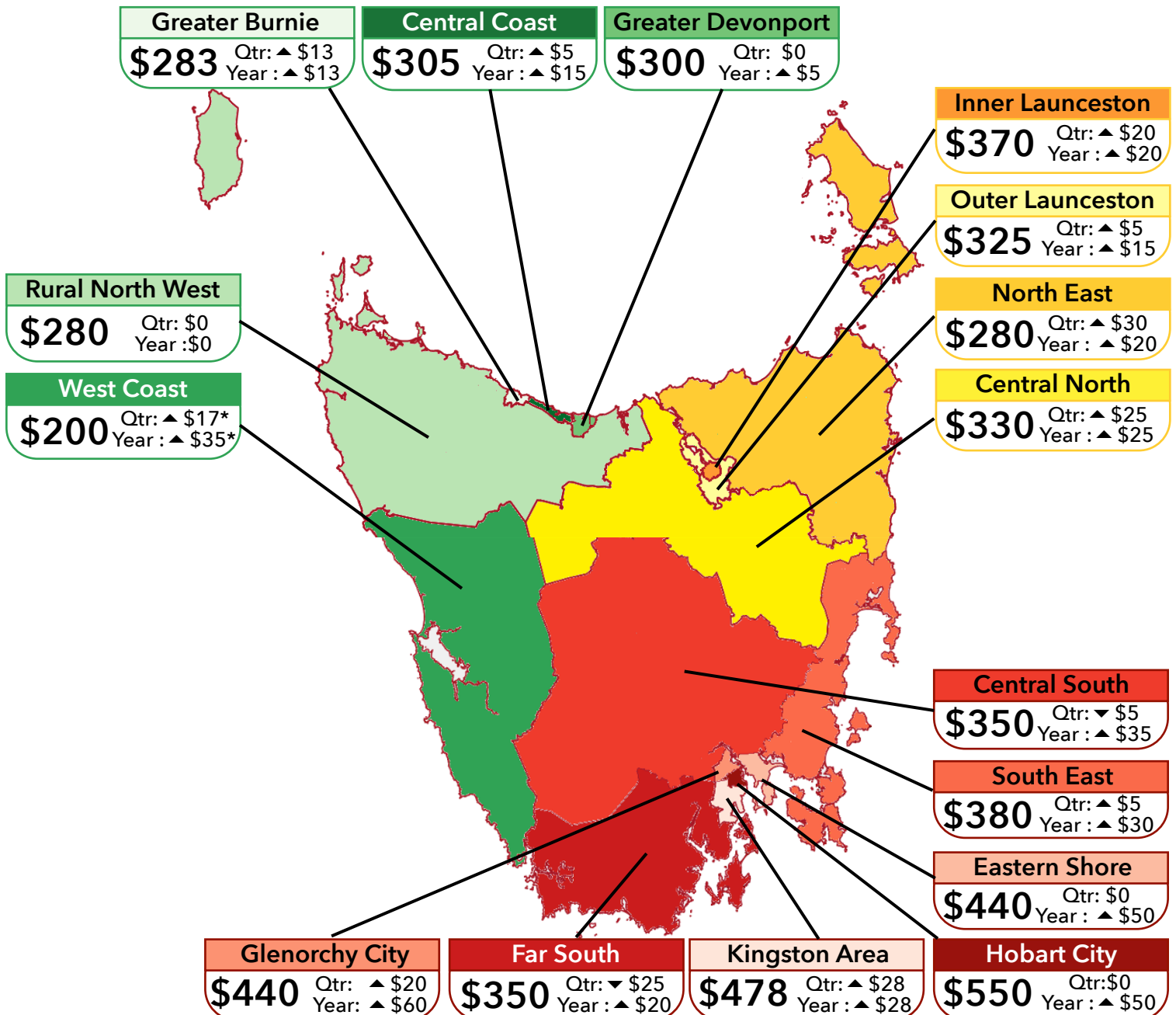
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HEADLINE FIGURES: Weighted Median Rent Index¹

	Dec Qtr Index	Qtr Change	Year Change
Tasmania	344	up 4%	up 10.9%
North West	264	up 2.6%	up 2.8%
North	305	up 2.4%	up 5.9%
South	413	up 4.3%	up 11.3%

MAP: December Quarter 3 Bedroom Median Rent²



* denotes small data size for this period (10-29 bonds lodged)

Table 1. Weekly Rents for New Bonds - by Area - December Quarter 2019³

Area/Region	1 Bedroom			2 Bedroom			3 Bedroom			4 & 5 Bedrooms		
	Median \$	% Change Qtr	% Change Year	Median \$	% Change Qtr	% Change Year	Median \$	% Change Qtr	% Change Year	Median \$	% Change Qtr	% Change Year
Greater Devonport				250	2%	2%	300	0%	2%			
Greater Burnie				240	0%	-2%	‡ 283	5%	5%			
Central Coast				250 *	0%	0%	‡ 305	2%	5%			
Rural North West				250	0%	4%	280	0%	0%			
West Coast				165 *	10%	‡ 25%	‡ 200 *	16%	21%			
North West Tasmania	155	-8%	0%	250	2.0%	4.2%	290	3.6%	3.6%	345	8%	-1%
Inner Launceston				305	-3%	3%	370	6%	6%			
Outer Launceston				275	2%	6%	325	2%	5%			
Central North				280	8%	8%	330	8%	8%			
North East				250 *	4%	14%	‡ 280	12%	8%			
Northern Tasmania	180	-5%	0%	290	3.6%	11.5%	330	3.1%	3.1%	420	2%	8%
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Hobart City				450	3%	15%	550	0%	10%			
Glenorchy City				350	0%	6%	440	5%	16%			
Eastern Shore				380	3%	9%	440	0%	13%			
Kingston Area				388	5%	11%	478	6%	6%			
Central South				248	-10%	-16%	‡ 350	-1%	11%			
South East				350	6%	35%	‡ 380	1%	9%			
Far South				300 *	-5%	‡ 15%	‡ 350	-7%	6%			
Southern Tasmania	308	6%	8%	380	2.7%	11.8%	440	3.5%	12.8%	550	10%	8%
Tasmania	250	5.3%	13.6%	325	4.8%	12.1%	365	4.3%	10.6%	450	0.0%	7.1%

* small data size for this period (10-29 bonds lodged)

‡ small data size for previous period (10-29 bonds lodged)

- insignificant data size for either period (0-9 bonds lodged)

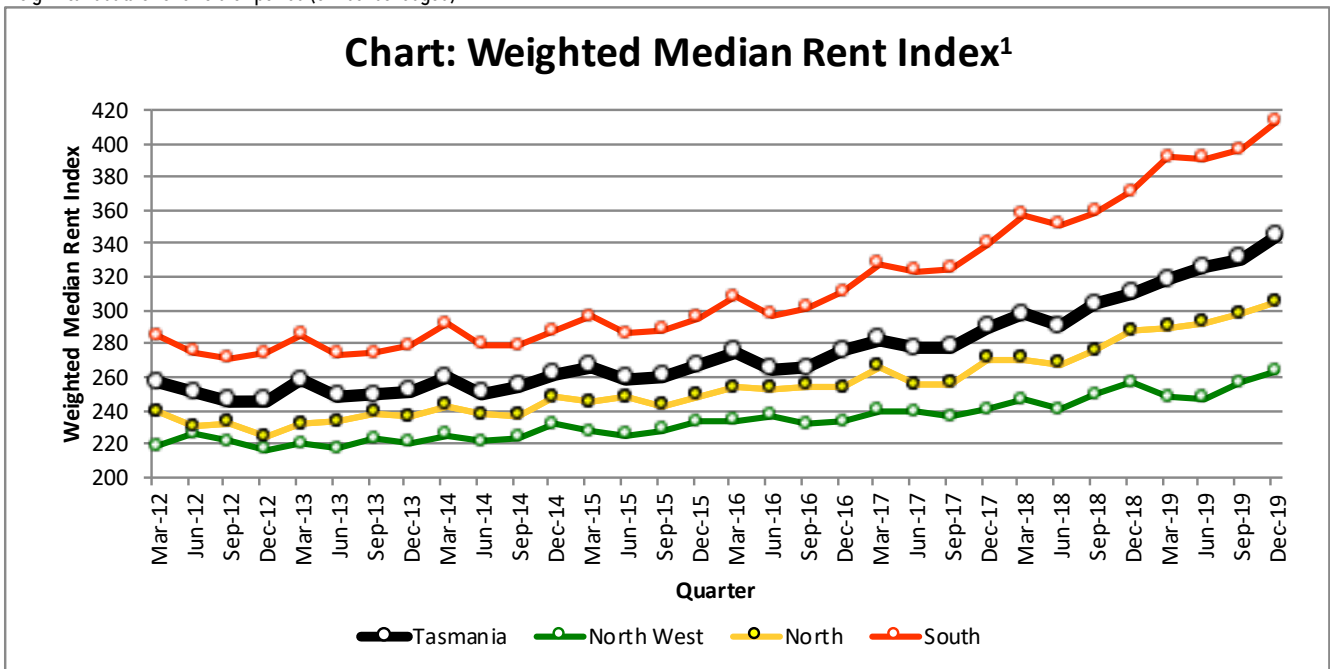


Table 2. Weekly Rents for New Bonds - by Urban Area - Dec Quarter 2019⁴

Urban Area	1 Bedroom			2 Bedroom			3 Bedroom			4 & 5 Bedrooms		
	Median	% Change		Median	% Change		Median	% Change		Median	% Change	
	\$	Qtr	Year	\$	Qtr	Year	\$	Qtr	Year	\$	Qtr	Year
North West Coast	155	-11.4%	-3.1%	250	0.0%	0.0%	300	3.4%	3.4%	380	11.8%	8.6%
Greater Launceston	180	-7.7%	-2.7%	295	2.6%	9.3%	343	0.7%	3.8%	440	4.8%	7.3%
Greater Hobart	310	5.1%	8.8%	385	2.7%	10.0%	450	4.7%	12.5%	550	5.3%	4.8%

Table 3. Weighted Median Rent Index - by Urban Area - Dec Quarter 2019^{1,4}

Urban Area	Dec 19	% Change	
	Index	Qtr	Year
North West Coast	271	2.1%	2.5%
Greater Launceston	314	1.1%	5.3%
Greater Hobart	419	4.2%	10.3%

Explanatory Notes

Methodology

The Rental Deposit Authority collects self reported data on Bond Lodgement Forms when a new bond is lodged. The data is then de-identified and passed on to the Tenants' Union of Tasmania for statistical analysis. Any properties with 6 or more bedrooms are not included in the rental statistics.

NOTE: The Rental Deposit Authority started a new online bond collection system on 1 May 2019. This should result in better, more comprehensive data in the long run but may provide inconsistencies in time series data in the short term.

Issues

- There is no reporting of rents for tenancies without a bond or where the bond is illegally withheld.
- Self reporting may mean that data is incomplete or incorrect.
- In categories with small data sizes, statistics may be influenced by exogenous factors such as the housing quality and multiple late lodgements from previous periods, as well as multiple lodgements from aged care facilities and accommodation at educational institutions. Care is taken to ensure such data does not unduly skew median rents.
- Reported rent takes no consideration of the method used to decide the amount and may be based based on market, income or other considerations.

End Notes

1. Weighted Median Rent is calculated as 13.8% of the 1 bedroom median rent, 32.6% of 2 bedroom median rent, 43.9% of 3 bedroom median rent and 9.7% of 4/5 bedroom median rent. These percentages reflect the composition of Tasmanian rental properties at the 2011 ABS Census of Population and Housing.

North West is the ABS Statistical Division of West and North West (formerly Mersey-Lyell) and is made up of the green shaded areas on the Map (page 1) and the table below. North is the Launceston and North East Statistical Division (formerly Northern) and is shaded in yellows, while South combines the Hobart and South East Statistical Divisions (formerly Southern) and is shaded in reds.

Area	
Greater Burnie	Pt A of the Burnie ABS Statistical Local Area
Greater Devonport	Pt A of the Devonport ABS Statistical Local Area
Central Coast	Pt A of the Central Coast ABS Statistical Local Area
Rural North West	King Island, Circular Head, Waratah/Wynyard, Kentish & Latrobe Councils + Pt B of the Burnie, Devonport & Central Coast ABS Statistical Local Areas
West Coast	West Coast Council
Inner Launceston	Suburbs of Launceston, East Launceston, South Launceston, West Launceston, Invermay, Trevallyn and Newstead
Outer Launceston	Suburbs of Kings Meadows, Youngtown, Mowbray, Newnham, Norwood, Punchbowl, Prospect, Summerhill, Ravenswood, Riverside and
Central North	Meander Valley, Northern Midlands and West Tamar Councils except suburb of Riverside
North East	George Town, Dorset, Flinders, Break O'Day Councils plus rural Launceston City Council
Hobart City	Hobart City Council
Glenorchy City	Glenorchy City Council plus suburb of Granton
Eastern Shore	Clarence ABS Statistical Local Area except Richmond area
Kingston Area	Pt A of the Kingborough ABS Statistical Local Area
Central South	Central Highlands, Southern Midlands, Derwent Valley (except suburb of Granton) & Brighton Councils plus Richmond area
South East	Sorell, Glamorgan/Spring Bay and Tasman Councils
Far South	Huon Valley Council plus Pt B of the Kingborough ABS Statistical Local Area
Urban Areas	
North West Coast	Areas of Greater Burnie, Central Coast and Greater Devonport plus town of Latrobe
Greater Launceston	Areas of Inner Launceston and Outer Launceston
Greater Hobart	Greater Hobart ABS Statistical Area

- 3.** 1 bedroom and 4/5 bedroom rents for areas are not shown due to consistently small data sizes, resulting in fluctuating rents. Year Change is defined as the change between this quarter and the corresponding quarter in the previous year.
- 4.** Caution should be exercised with 1 bedroom rents for large localities. 4/5 bedroom rents for large localities are not shown due to erratic data, resulting in fluctuating rents.
- 5.** Port Sorell Area combines the towns of Port Sorell, Shearwater and Hawley Beach.
- 6.** St Helens Area combines the towns of St Helens, Stieglitz, Scamander, Beaumaris and Binalong Bay.
- 7.** Lindisfarne Area combines the suburbs of Lindisfarne, Rose Bay, Montagu Bay and Geilston Bay.
- 8.** Upper Channel combines the towns of Margate, Snug, Electrona and Coningham.
- 9.** Dodges Ferry Area combines the towns of Dodges Ferry, Carlton and Lewisham.
- 10.** Huonville Area combines the towns of Huonville, Ranelagh and Glen Huon.

For data queries, contact the Rental Deposit Authority
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