



Taxation statistics 2007–08 released

Dear member,

We recently released the ATO's [Taxation statistics](#) – our most comprehensive statistical publication.

Taxation statistics informs the community about what taxpayers have been reporting to the ATO and importantly reflects an open and accountable tax and superannuation administration.

Each year we endeavour to improve *Taxation statistics* to make it more relevant and easier to read.

This year, the Pay As You Go chapter has changed to include income tax instalments. The Payment and Transfers chapter reports the tax bonus payments made as part of the Government's economic stimulus package and also includes this information as a detailed table by postcode. Other improvements include estimates of the number of statutory car fringe benefits provided by employers, more information in the individual deductions and superannuation funds' chapter tables, additional detailed tables on the cost of compliance, capital gains tax and charities. Also provided this year in the personal tax detailed tables is an historical overview of general tax rates, rebates and concessions for individuals from 1950–51 to 2007–08. Industry benchmarks have also been taken to a finer level of industry and are now reported at the four digit level.

I am confident that the improvements to the way information has been provided will make *Taxation statistics* more useful to you and that the publication itself provides us all with insights that could lead to worthwhile improvements to our administration and to Australia's tax and superannuation systems.

Your suggestions and comments on the publication would be most welcome and can be emailed to taxstats@ato.gov.au

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael D'Ascenzo".

Michael D'Ascenzo
Commissioner of Taxation