

# Destination NSW Westpac Tourism Expenditure Monitor



RESULTS FOR PERIOD  
May 2021



# Report Overview

This Monitor has been developed in a collaborative partnership between Destination NSW and Westpac. It will ultimately boost our State's ability to attract more visitors by improving our understanding of how people spend money when they travel throughout NSW. This Monitor should prove particularly beneficial for tourism bodies and operators in rural and remote areas of our State, and assist in ensuring we remain Australia's number one tourist destination.

This Monitor is designed to complement the National Visitor Survey, which is published quarterly by Tourism Research Australia. The Monitor data is reported by Tourism Region (geographical areas managed by the Commonwealth Government for research and reporting purposes) and provides top-level monthly reporting on tourism expenditure in NSW, including:

- The number of visitors to a region – defined as, those who reside greater than 50km from the region;
- The number of transactions undertaken by visitors; and
- The value of visitor spending.

In providing greater understanding of tourism expenditure throughout NSW, this Monitor will be pivotal in benchmarking performance, identifying trends and highlighting opportunities for tourism growth.

*This report includes information for the period January 2021 to May 2021 including monthly data and quarterly time-series data. All data is de-identified and aggregated and it is managed securely and responsibly in order to deliver this Monitor. The appendices in this report includes guidance on how to interpret information in this report.*

# Section 1: Regional Summary

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# Visitation Metrics By Tourism Region

Visitation count and share, volume transactions and value spend by tourism region

NSW Tourism Region	Visitation Count ('000)	Volume Transactions ('000)	Value Spend (\$'000)	Share of visitation from visitors (%)
Blue Mountains	48.2	100.3	\$3,751.2	43%
Capital Country	102.8	233.5	\$10,329.7	54%
Central Coast	74.6	188.8	\$7,800.3	23%
Central NSW	77.2	292.9	\$14,080.5	57%
Hunter	169.0	430.5	\$18,331.6	32%
New England North West	46.9	162.1	\$7,832.2	63%
North Coast	198.9	652.3	\$29,370.7	48%
Outback NSW	16.1	60.7	\$2,989.1	77%
Riverina	50.8	179.5	\$8,236.9	61%
Snowy Mountains	19.7	55.8	\$2,341.9	66%
South Coast	138.1	439.7	\$18,403.9	35%
Sydney	561.8	1,422.3	\$63,434.0	9%
The Murray	36.5	109.4	\$5,333.9	56%

Values are rounded to 1 significant figure, with percentages rounded to whole numbers

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Please refer to the appendix for how to interpret this table.

# Interstate Visitation By Tourism Region

% Value spend within NSW tourism region by state of visitor origin

NSW Tourism Region	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory
Blue Mountains	89%	3%	4%	1%	1%	0%	0%	2%
Capital Country	80%	5%	4%	1%	1%	1%	0%	8%
Central Coast	86%	4%	6%	1%	1%	0%	0%	2%
Central NSW	85%	4%	5%	1%	1%	0%	0%	3%
Hunter	83%	6%	6%	1%	1%	0%	0%	2%
New England North West	79%	4%	14%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%
North Coast	64%	9%	19%	1%	1%	1%	0%	5%
Outback NSW	60%	14%	11%	10%	2%	1%	0%	2%
Riverina	75%	10%	6%	2%	1%	0%	0%	5%
Snowy Mountains	70%	8%	5%	2%	2%	1%	0%	12%
South Coast	76%	7%	4%	1%	1%	0%	0%	11%
Sydney	51%	16%	15%	4%	4%	1%	1%	7%
The Murray	44%	44%	5%	3%	1%	1%	0%	3%

Percentages are rounded to whole numbers

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# Section 2: For Every \$100 Spent Analysis

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# Tourism Satellite Account Expenditure

For every \$100 spent by visitors, what is it spent on?

Tourism Satellite Account	Sydney Value Spend	Regional NSW Average Value Spend
Accommodation and accommodation services for visitors	\$5.52	\$6.42
Air passenger transport and transport services	\$0.15	\$0.01
Cultural services and activities	\$0.43	\$0.56
Food and beverage serving services and activities	\$21.35	\$21.87
Groceries and off premise alcohol	\$12.62	\$19.67
Other (non-tourism related)*	\$27.10	\$24.86
Public transport	\$0.58	\$0.05
Retail and country specific tourism characteristic goods	\$15.42	\$7.47
Road passenger transport and transport services	\$14.22	\$15.89
Sports and recreational and activities	\$1.64	\$2.68
Transport equipment rental and rental services	\$0.81	\$0.29
Travel agencies and other reservation services and service activities	\$0.08	\$0.13
Water passenger transport and transport services	\$0.08	\$0.10

Values are rounded to 2 significant figures

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\*This Tourism Satellite Account reflects goods and services provided across a variety of industries (e.g. building and construction, healthcare, banking etc).

# Section 3: Quarterly Trends

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# Visitors By Tourism Region Over Time

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6 month review on the number of Visitors('000)

NSW Tourism Region	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Q1-2021 Average	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Q2-2021 Average
Blue Mountains	45	35	39	40	58	48	-	53
Capital Country	100	90	104	98	133	103	-	118
Central Coast	107	75	72	85	92	75	-	83
Central NSW	85	68	81	78	103	77	-	90
Hunter	264	198	201	221	245	169	-	207
New England North West	50	41	48	46	55	47	-	51
North Coast	333	230	221	261	268	199	-	233
Outback NSW	9	8	12	9	16	16	-	16
Riverina	49	50	52	51	63	51	-	57
Snowy Mountains	36	24	28	29	34	20	-	27
South Coast	269	174	165	202	215	138	-	176
Sydney	455	536	631	541	750	562	-	656
The Murray	37	39	48	41	57	37	-	47

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# Value Spend By Tourism Region Over Time

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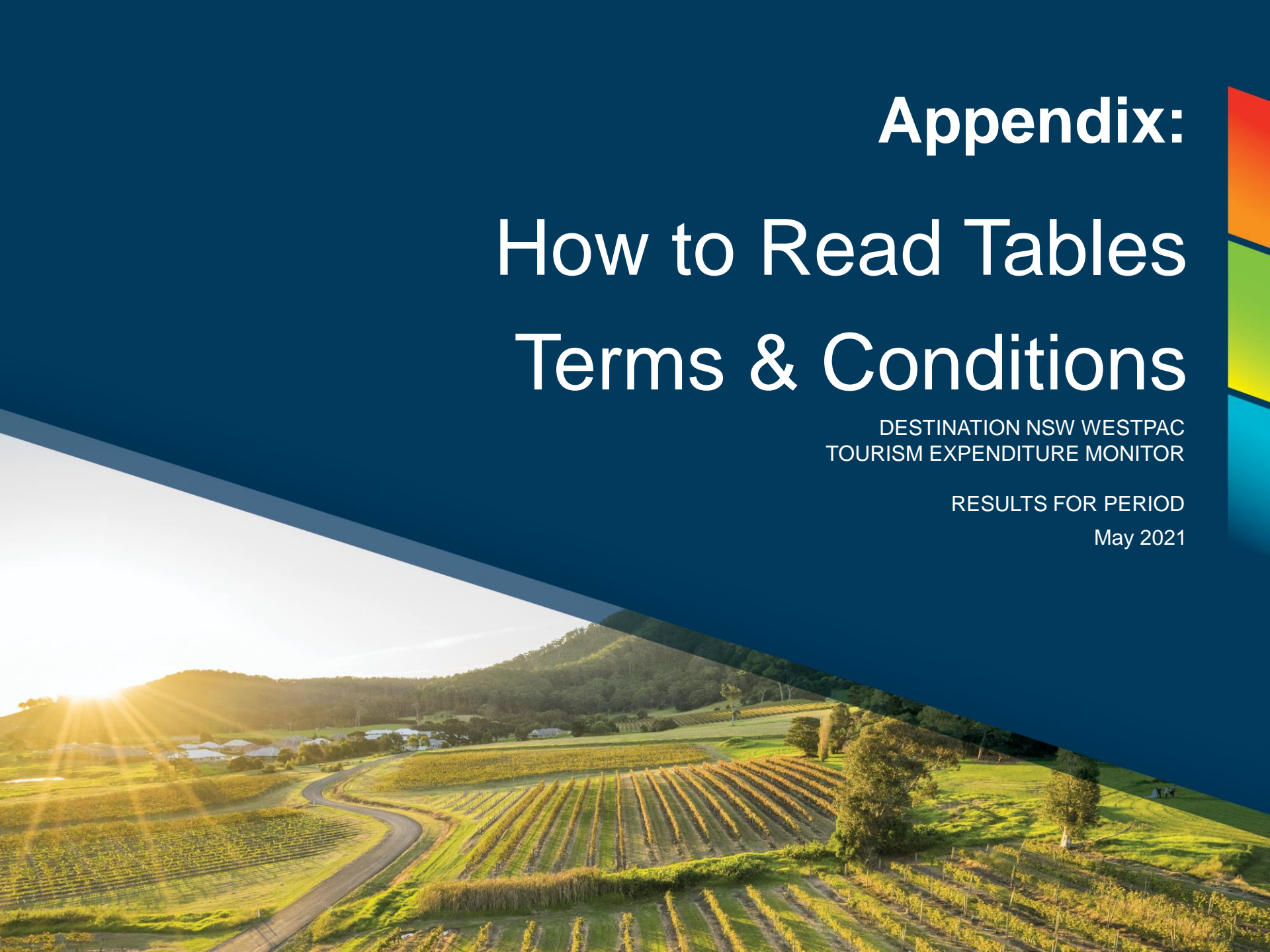
6 month review on the total Value Spend (\$'000)

NSW Tourism Region	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Q1-2021 Average	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Q2-2021 Average
Blue Mountains	\$4,191	\$3,201	\$3,645	\$3,679	\$5,172	\$3,751	-	\$4,462
Capital Country	\$10,502	\$8,944	\$10,392	\$9,946	\$12,450	\$10,330	-	\$11,390
Central Coast	\$11,937	\$7,820	\$7,880	\$9,212	\$9,508	\$7,800	-	\$8,654
Central NSW	\$14,505	\$12,190	\$14,836	\$13,844	\$16,997	\$14,080	-	\$15,539
Hunter	\$30,084	\$21,535	\$22,649	\$24,756	\$26,289	\$18,332	-	\$22,311
New England North West	\$7,964	\$7,150	\$8,132	\$7,748	\$8,953	\$7,832	-	\$8,392
North Coast	\$54,329	\$33,482	\$32,860	\$40,224	\$38,587	\$29,371	-	\$33,979
Outback NSW	\$1,660	\$1,505	\$2,068	\$1,744	\$2,947	\$2,989	-	\$2,968
Riverina	\$8,205	\$8,312	\$9,102	\$8,540	\$9,330	\$8,237	-	\$8,784
Snowy Mountains	\$4,726	\$2,791	\$3,319	\$3,612	\$4,378	\$2,342	-	\$3,360
South Coast	\$37,999	\$22,712	\$22,444	\$27,719	\$27,685	\$18,404	-	\$23,044
Sydney	\$49,084	\$59,061	\$70,369	\$59,505	\$80,622	\$63,434	-	\$72,028
The Murray	\$5,702	\$5,870	\$6,734	\$6,102	\$7,633	\$5,334	-	\$6,484

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# Appendix: How to Read Tables Terms & Conditions

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# How to interpret tables

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## Section 1: Regional Summary

**Visitation Metrics By Tourism Region** - A high level look at visitor expenditure and relative metrics for the Tourism Region.

NSW Tourism Region	Visitation Count ('000)	Volume Transactions ('000)	Value Spend (\$'000)	Share of visitation from visitors (%)
Tourism Region A (e.g. North Coast)	210	522	\$25,418	50%

*In the Tourism Region A, approximately 210 ('000) Visitors undertook Westpac domestic card transactions in the month (e.g. June 2019). Visitors accounted for 50% of the card transactions spend in the Tourism Region in the month. These Visitors made over 522 ('000) transactions, with a total value of over \$25m worth of expenditure for the month.*

### Definitions

- Visitation Count: the total number of de-identified Westpac domestic cardholders who transacted at least once in the region across the reporting period.
- Visitors: the number of de-identified Westpac domestic cardholders who reside greater than 50km from the region.
- Volume Transactions: the total number of transactions made by de-identified Westpac domestic cardholders in the region across the reporting period.
- Value Spend: the total value of transactions made by de-identified Westpac domestic cardholders in the region across the reporting period.
- De-identified means that the information does not identify an individual.

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## Section 1: Regional Summary Continued...

**Interstate Visitation Spend By Tourism Region** - A breakdown of expenditure for each NSW tourism region based on the domestic visitors state of origin.

NSW Tourism Region	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory
Tourism Region A	81%	5%	6%	1%	4%	0%	0%	2%
Tourism Region B	71%	7%	6%	3%	1%	0%	0%	10%

*81% of expenditure by Visitors to Tourism Region A was made by NSW residents during the month.*

### Definitions

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## Section 2: For Every \$100 Spent

**Tourism Satellite Account Expenditure** - A break down for every \$100 spent by visitors by service type

Tourism Satellite Account	Sydney Value Spend	Regional NSW Average Value Spend
Accommodation and accommodation services for visitors	\$2.10	\$6.25
Air passenger transport and transport services	\$0.03	\$0.01
Cultural services and activities	\$0.05	\$0.46

*\$6.25 for every \$100 of Visitor spend is spent on accommodation or accommodation services within regional NSW Tourism Regions. This is the average for all Tourism Regions except Sydney.*

### Definitions

- Value Spend: the dollar amount per category for every \$100 spent by de-identified Westpac domestic cardholders in the region across the reporting period.
- Visitors: the number of de-identified Westpac domestic cardholders who reside greater than 50km from the region.
- Tourism Satellite Accounts: a grouping of tourism related expenditure by tourism service type.
- Sydney Value Spend: the dollar amount per service type for every \$100 spent in the Sydney region by de-identified Westpac domestic cardholders across the reporting period.
- Regional NSW Average Value Spend: the dollar amount per service type for every \$100 spent in the regions by de-identified Westpac domestic cardholders across the reporting period (averaged across all non-Sydney regions).
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## Section 3: Quarterly Trend

**Visitors By Tourism Region Over Time** - A look at the number of visitors per tourism region for the previous 6 months

NSW Tourism Region	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Q1-2019 Average	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Q2-2019 Average
Tourism Region A	38	29	35	34	52	36	41	43

The table in this section shows the month on month number of Visitors for each region in thousands as well as the average for the quarter. In this example we see the values for Tourism Region A for the months of January to June 2019 including the two quarterly averages for first and second Quarters of 2019. For the example shown there were over 38 ('000) Visitors to Tourism Region A for January 2019 and the average number of Visitors for the first Quarter in Tourism Region A is around 34 ('000) visitors per month.

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# How to interpret tables

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## Section 3: Quarterly Trend Continued...

**Value Spend By Tourism Region Over Time** - A look at spend per tourism region for the previous 6 months

NSW Tourism Region	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Q1-2019 Average	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Q2-2019 Average
Tourism Region A	\$4,192	\$2,817	\$3,507	\$3,505	\$5,043	\$3,726	\$3,793	\$4,187

*The table in this section shows the month on month spend for each region in thousands as well as the average for the quarter. In this example we see the values for Tourism Region A for the months of January to June 2019 including the two quarterly averages for first and second Quarters of 2019. For the example shown the spend was over \$4.2m to Tourism Region A for January 2019 and the average number of spend for the first Quarter in Tourism Region A is around \$3.5m .*

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