

Cultural Funding by Government—2020–21

Local government

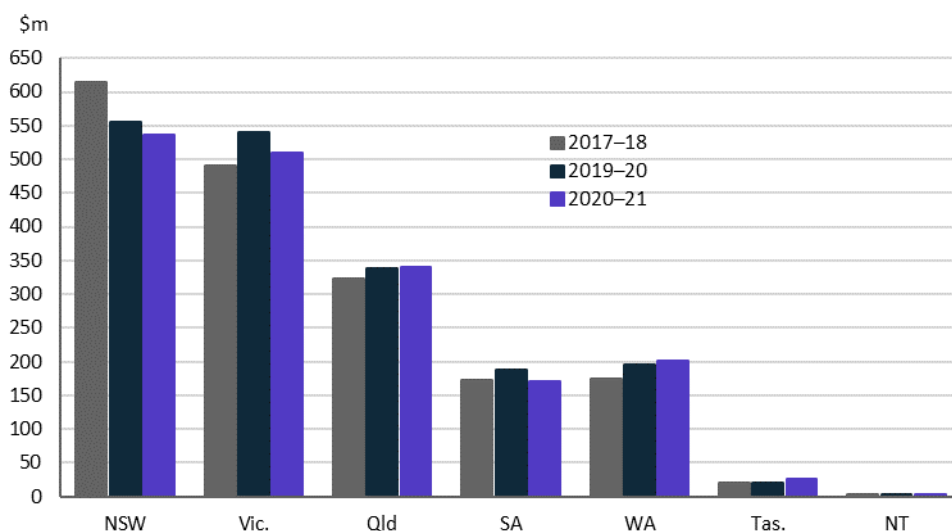
The estimate of expenditure funded by Local government in 2020–21 for cultural activities was **\$1,785.8m**. This represented **23%** of the total government funded expenditure on cultural activities.

Table 1. Local government cultural expenditure, 2017–18 to 2020–21¹

2017–18	2019–20	2020–21
\$1,797.5m	\$1,840.5m ↑2%	\$1,785.8m ↓3%

- Local government cultural expenditure dropped 3% (or \$54.7m) between 2019–20 and 2020–21.
- Expenditure on cultural activities generally reflected the size of the population (New South Wales—\$536.0m, Victoria—\$509.0m and Queensland—\$340.1m).

Figure 1. Local government cultural expenditure, by state and territory(a)(b)



- (a) Care should be taken when comparing expenditure between states and territories due to different administrative arrangements and responsibilities.
 (b) Australian Capital Territory does not have local governments.

Total recurrent expenses dropped 5% (or \$76.7m) to \$1,482.2m.

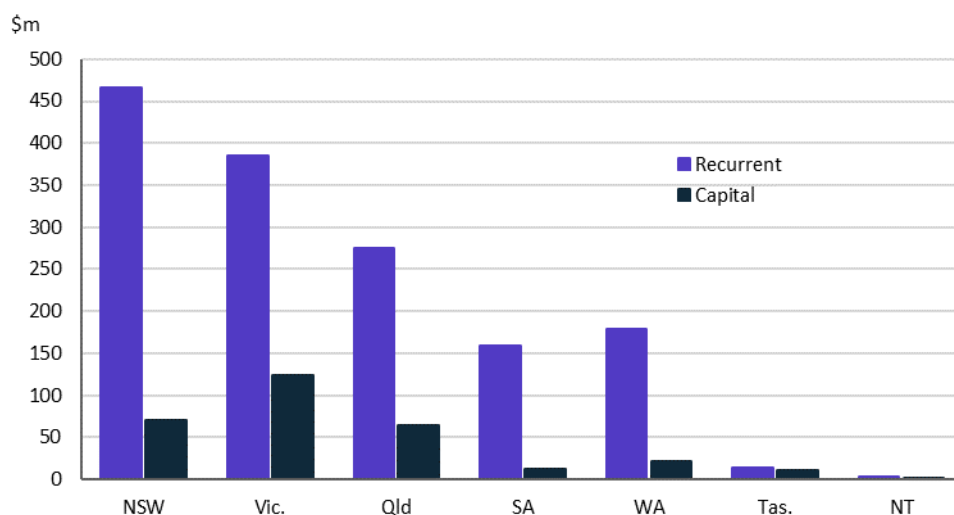
- Recurrent expenses accounted for 83% (\$1,482.2m) of funded cultural expenditure. New South Wales had the largest amount of recurrent expenditure at \$465.3m, followed by Victoria (\$385.5m) and Queensland (\$275.3m).

¹ Cultural Funding by Government survey not conducted in 2018–19.

Total Local government capital expenditure was \$303.6m.

- Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland spent the largest amounts of capital (\$123.5m, \$70.7m, and \$64.8m respectively).

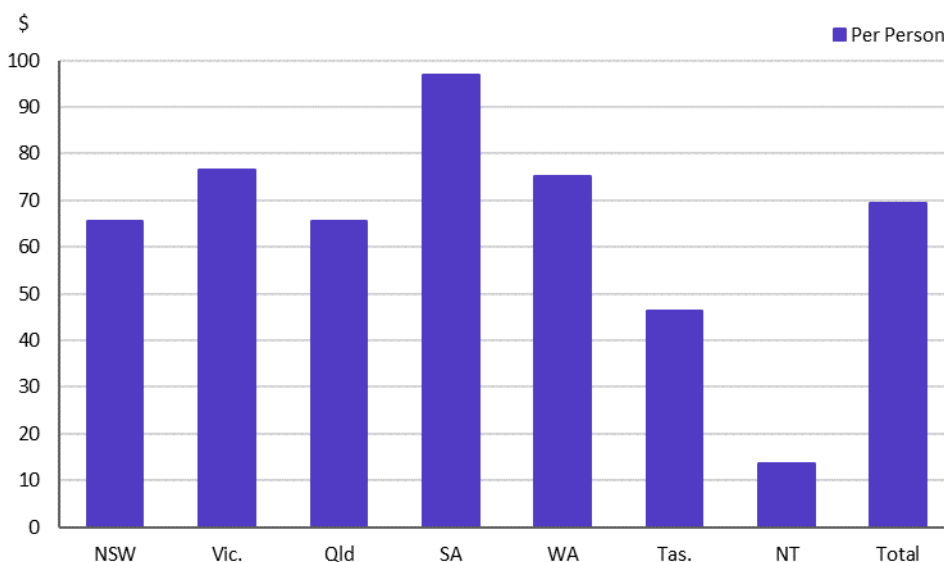
Figure 2. Local government cultural expenditure, recurrent and capital, by state and territory(a)(b)—2020–21



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The estimate of total Local government per person cultural funding was \$69.53.

Figure 3. Local government cultural expenditure per person, by state and territory(a)(b)—2020–21



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- South Australia had the highest per person expenditure of \$96.84 followed by Victoria (\$76.45) and Western Australian (\$75.12).