

# Cultural Funding by Government—2021–22

## Local government

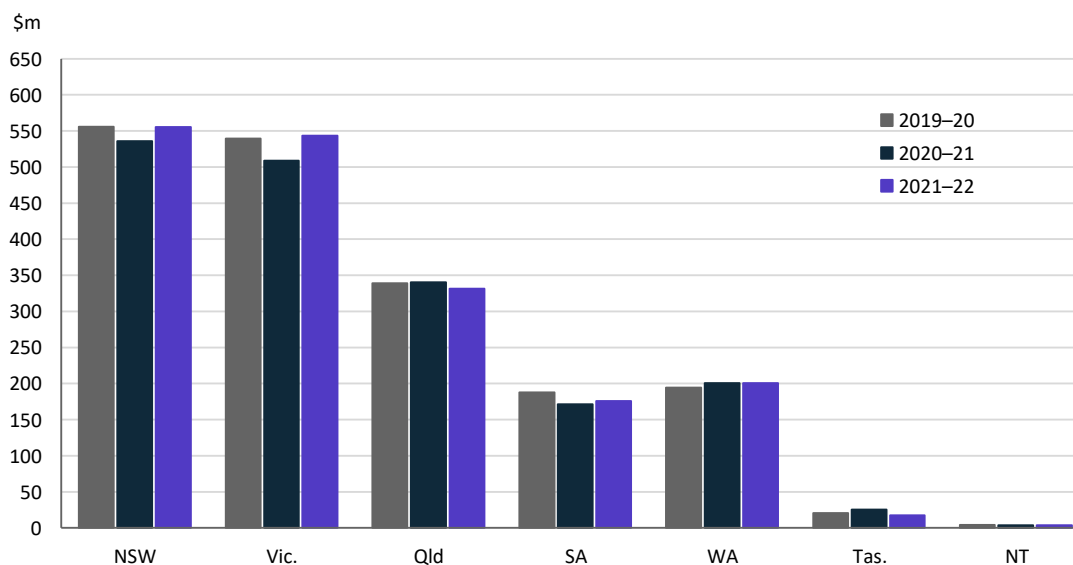
The estimate of expenditure funded by Local government in 2021–22 for cultural activities was **\$1,826.7m**. This represented **22%** of the total government funded expenditure on cultural activities.

Table 1. Local government cultural expenditure, 2019–20 to 2021–22

2019–20	2020–21	2021–22
\$1,840.5m	\$1,785.8m ↓3%	\$1,826.7m ↑2%

- Local government cultural expenditure increased 2% (or \$40.9m) between 2020–21 and 2021–22.
- Expenditure on cultural activities generally reflected the size of the population (New South Wales—\$555.4m, Victoria—\$543.2m and Queensland—\$331.5m).

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



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- (b) Australian Capital Territory does not have local governments.

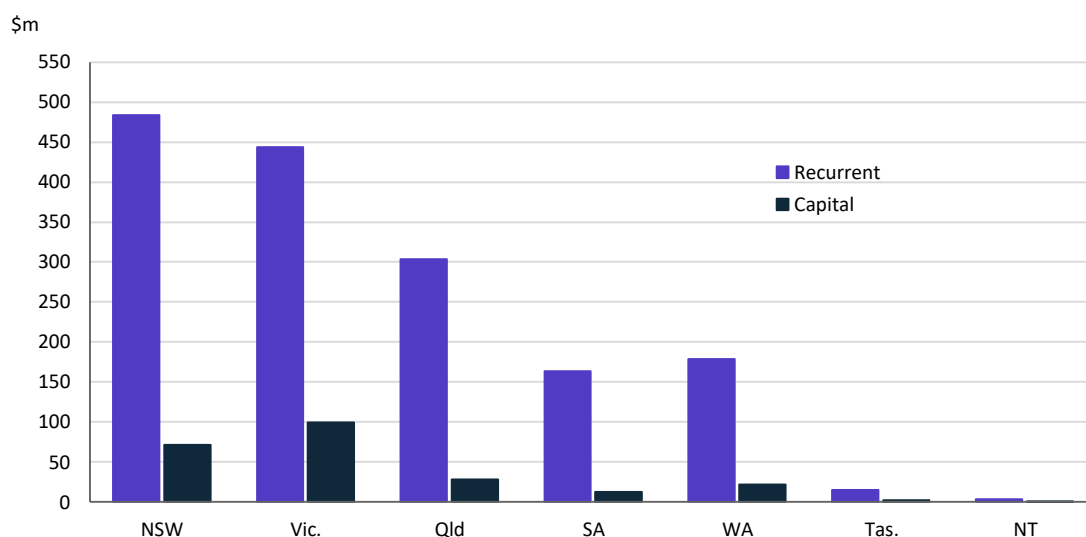
Total recurrent expenses increased 7% (or \$109.1m) to \$1,591.3m.

- Recurrent expenses accounted for 87% (\$1,591.3m) of funded cultural expenditure. New South Wales had the largest amount of recurrent expenditure at \$483.9m, followed by Victoria (\$443.7m) and Queensland (\$303.5m).

Total Local government capital expenditure was \$235.4m.

- Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland spent the largest amounts of capital (\$99.5m, \$71.4m, and \$27.9m respectively).

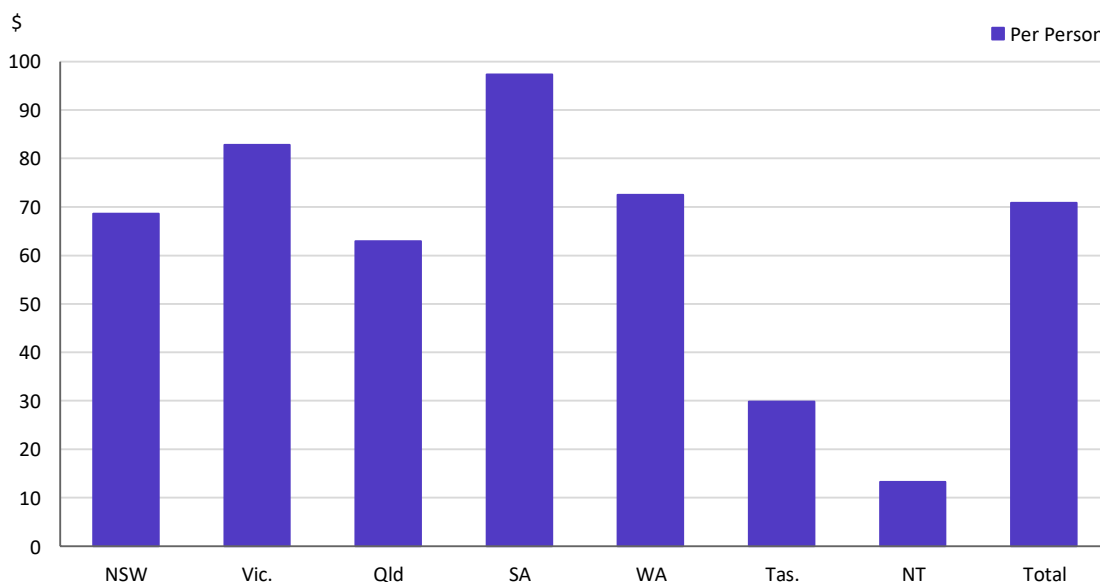
Figure 2. Local government cultural expenditure, recurrent and capital, by state and territory(a)(b)—2021–22



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The estimate of total Local government per person cultural funding was \$70.87.

Figure 3. Local government cultural expenditure per person, by state and territory(a)(b)—2021–22



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- South Australia had the highest per person expenditure of \$97.32 followed by Victoria (\$82.78) and Western Australian (\$72.54).