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TOURIST ACCOMMODATION: MAJOR HOTELS AND MOTELS, NSW NOVEMBER 1989

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MAIN FEATURES

The room occupancy rate for major hotels and motels in the Sydney Statistical Division in November 1989 was 77.0%, 7.7 percentage points higher than October (69.3%) and 9 percentage points higher than September, but still well below November 1988 (91.1%). The room occupancy rates in each of the three months ended November 1989 were well down on those in the corresponding period for 1988.

In New South Wales the November 1989 room occupancy rate (73.4%) was 6 percentage points higher than October but some 13.3 percentage points lower than November 1988 (86.7%).

In the Sydney Statistical Division the average takings per Hotel/Motel in November 1989 (\$787,000) were \$9,000 higher than October (\$778,000) but 18.4% down on November 1988 (\$965,000). In New South Wales, the November 1989 figure (\$691,000) was virtually unchanged from October 1989. In each of the three months ending November 1989 takings were well down in comparison with the corresponding period in 1988.

In New South Wales the average charge per room night in November 1989 (\$155) did not change from October and was \$1 higher than November 1988. In the Sydney Statistical Division the average charge per room night in November 1989 (\$161) showed no change from October and was \$2 higher than November 1988.

NOTES

The scope of *Tourist Accommodation: Major Hotels and Motels* is limited each month to those hotels and motels with facilities and 100 or more rooms. The number of establishments in the collection is expected to fluctuate because of the narrowness of this definition and as hotels presently under construction begin operations. For these reasons the emphasis in the published results is on rates and averages rather than on absolute values.

The statistics are not representative of the smaller accommodation establishments throughout NSW and care should be taken when interpreting the results. Care should also be taken when comparing these results with data published in the quarterly bulletin *Tourist Accommodation, New South Wales* (Catalogue No. 8635.1).

The hotels/motels for which statistics are included in this bulletin represent approximately 20% of New South Wales guest rooms, bed spaces, room and guest nights and approximately 50% of takings from accommodation.

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**MAJOR HOTELS AND MOTELS: SELECTED ACCOMMODATION DETAILS
SYDNEY STATISTICAL DIVISION AND NEW SOUTH WALES**

Statistical Area	1988			1989		
	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
NUMBER OF HOTELS/MOTELS(a)						
Sydney Statistical Division	38	39	39	44	44	44
New South Wales	44	46	46	51	51	52
NUMBER OF ROOMS(a)						
Sydney Statistical Division	8,552	8,672	8,672	9,886	10,027	10,097
New South Wales	9,413	9,638	9,638	10,852	11,033	11,267
ROOM OCCUPANCY RATE (PER CENT)						
Sydney Statistical Division	85.1	88.6	91.1	68.0	69.3	77.0
New South Wales	82.1	84.4	86.7	66.4	67.4	73.4
BED OCCUPANCY RATE (PER CENT)						
Sydney Statistical Division	52.0	53.7	54.0	41.3	43.3	45.8
New South Wales	48.8	49.4	49.3	39.5	40.7	41.6
AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY (DAYS)						
Sydney Statistical Division	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.3
New South Wales	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.3
AVERAGE TAKINGS PER HOTEL/MOTEL (\$000)						
Sydney Statistical Division	869	954	965	655	778	787
New South Wales	774	832	840	588	692	691
AVERAGE CHARGE PER ROOM NIGHT (\$)						
Sydney Statistical Division	151	156	159	149	161	161
New South Wales	147	152	154	144	155	155

(a) This item includes data for all hotels and motels in scope of the survey. However, in a given month late reporting may result in a small number of establishments being omitted from the rates and averages calculations. It is not expected that these omissions will significantly affect the data.

