

The Bankwest Shed Index

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Are you the primary user of the shed?

	Male	Females
Yes	90%	10%

How much time per week do you spend in your shed?

Per week	Percentage
Less than an hour	35%
1-2 hours	36%
3-5 hours	19%
More than 5 hours	11%
Total	100%

How does your partner feel about the amount of time you spend in your shed?

	Percentage
Encourages me	12%
Resents it	2%
Does not seem to mind	76%
Don't know	8%
Other	2%
Total	100%

Do you think women understand the importance some men place on their sheds?

	Yes	No	Uncertain
ACT	na	na	na
NSW	34%	47%	19%
NT	na	na	na
Qld	40%	41%	18%
SA	34%	47%	18%
Tas	na	na	na
Vic	37%	44%	19%
WA	50%	31%	19%
Australia	37%	45%	18%

How much do you enjoy the time you spend in your shed?

	Percentage
Not at all	9%
Sometimes enjoy it	26%
Usually enjoy it	46%
Always enjoy it	19%
Total	100%

What is the proudest achievement you've built/created in your shed?

	Percentage
Furniture	20%
Rebuilt/resprayed a car	7%
Electrical item	6%
Bric-a-brac	5%
Toys	2%
Craft work	7%
Jewellery	0%
I haven't created anything in the shed	37%
Other	17%
Total	100%

How important is your shed for you?

	Percentage
Not important at all	5%
Very unimportant	7%
Neutral	33%
Very important	41%
Extremely important	14%
Total	100%

Who would you say the shed belongs to?

	Female	Male	Total
The shed is mine	33.6%	54.8%	52.5%
We all use the shed	64.7%	43.8%	46.0%
Other	1.7%	1.4%	1.4%

Is your shed a refuge from the world?

	Percentage
Yes	28%
No	72%
Total	100%

Which of the following best describes your shed?

	Yes	No
The shed is a dumping ground	31%	69%
The shed is an organized storage space	55%	45%
The shed is a workspace	51%	49%
The shed is a place to hang out	17%	83%
None of the above	2%	98%

What is the size (approximate) of your shed?

	Percentage
Smaller than a single bedroom	19%
About the size of a single bedroom	20%
About the size of a double bedroom	21%
About the size of a lounge room	17%
Larger than a lounge room	23%
Total	100%

What luxuries/mod-cons do you have in your shed/garage?

	Yes	No
Light	78%	22%
TV	16%	84%
Stereo/sound system	35%	65%
Couch	9%	91%
Bar fridge	27%	73%
Air conditioning	4%	96%
Computer	7%	93%
Heater	13%	87%
Other	10%	90%

What tools & equipment do you have in your shed?

	Yes	No
Tools	94%	6%
Lawn mower	70%	30%
Work bench	66%	34%
Lathe	6%	94%
Hoist	3%	97%
Pit	1%	99%
Other	10%	90%

What is the value of your shed?

State	\$
ACT	na
NSW	\$9,398
NT	na
Qld	\$10,586
SA	\$8,063
Tas	na
Vic	\$8,344
WA	\$4,166
Total	\$8,908

How much will you spend on your shed this year?

State	\$
ACT	na
NSW	\$1,116
NT	na
Qld	\$1,038
SA	\$843
Tas	Na
Vic	\$1,317
WA	\$841
Australia	\$1,135

Do you expect to spend more or less on tools/items for your shed over the coming year?

	Percentage
I expect to spend more	16%
I expect to spend about the same	45%
I expect to spend less	23%
Uncertain	16%
Total	100%

Has the Global Financial Crisis stopped you from buying stuff for your shed, adding tools, etc.?

	Percentage
Yes	23%
No	77%
Total	100%

Did any of the Federal Government's Fiscal Stimulus Payments go into your shed?

	Percentage
Yes	7%
No	93%
Total	100%

Have you ever had an accident in your shed?

	Percentage
Yes	16%
No	84%
Total	100%

If so, how serious was the accident?

	Percentage
Just minor	56%
Somewhat serious but didn't require medical attention	25%
It needed medical attention but perfectly recovered afterwards	17%
It needed medical attention and caused long term damage	2%
Total	100%

Has your shed ever been burgled?

	Percentage
Yes	5.1%
No	94.9%
Total	100%

What was the approximate value of the contents stolen?

State	\$
NSW	\$2,771
Qld	\$1,657
SA	\$1,835
Vic	\$1,208
WA	\$272
Total	\$1,951

Are your shed and its contents insured?

	Percentage
Yes	62%
No	38%
Total	100%

How much is your shed insured for?

State	\$
ACT	na
NSW	\$14,033
NT	na
Qld	\$18,350
SA	\$12,453
Tas	na
Vic	\$17,737
WA	\$4,500
Total	\$15,887