An extension to the lockdown and state border restrictions imposed in June 2021 in response to the Sydney COVID-19 outbreak saw further decline in results for NSW during July. NSW received 0.8 million domestic overnight visitors in July 2021, down 65 per cent on July 2020 and 76 per cent compared with July 2019 (pre-COVID). Visitor expenditure in NSW was $455 million, down 62 per cent on July 2020 and 77 per cent on July 2019. In the year ended (YE) July 2021, NSW received 28.7 million domestic overnight visitors who stayed 99.4 million nights and spent $18.5 billion.

As the result of the strict lockdown and border restrictions in Greater Sydney, Sydney recorded the lowest visitation since the pandemic started. Under less stringent restrictions regional NSW fared better but was still heavily impacted by border closures and restrictions, and the inability of Sydney residents to travel. Interstate travel to NSW continued to be hit hard by COVID-19 restrictions in July 2021. NSW received 233,000 interstate visitors in July 2021, less than half of the overnight visitors in the month prior. Intrastate travel also did not fare much better in July 2021. NSW residents took 541,000 intrastate overnight trips, down 69 per cent on July 2020 and 75 per cent on July 2019.

Note: Sum of individual months may not add up to the period total due to rounding.