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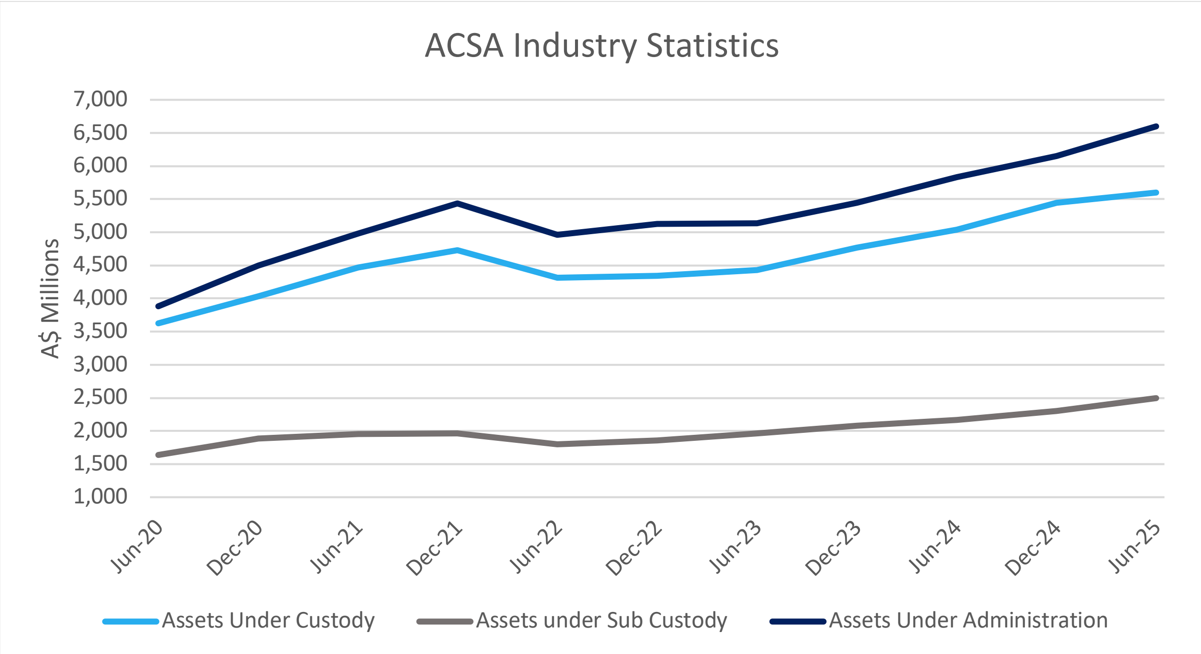
Assets under custody in Australia continue to grow in June half, hitting record high of $5.6 trillion

New data from the Australian Custodial Services Association (ACSA), the peak industry body for custodians and asset service providers in Australia, revealed a 2.9 per cent rise in assets under custody in the six months to 30 June 2025.

Markets maintained positive momentum through periods of volatility in the first half of calendar 2025, with assets under custody reaching a record high of $5.6 trillion in June. The new milestone comes as ACSA celebrates its 30th anniversary in 2025.



Source: Australian Custodial Services Association.

Individual custodians fared differently throughout the period due to industry consolidation, continued movement in custody assets and market growth.

Australian investors increased their allocation to overseas assets by 0.7 per cent to $1.99 trillion during the half, with Australian-domiciled investments increasing 2.2 per cent to $3.59 trillion. Assets held in Australia on behalf of offshore investors (sub-custody assets) increased by 8.3 per cent to $2.5 trillion.

Asset- servicing providers in Australia managed $6.32 trillion as at 30 June 2025 - up 2.7 per cent. They also settled over 13.19 million trades in the six-month period, an increase of 4.7 per cent compared to the previous period. On average, ACSA members settled approximately 100,000 trades per day on behalf of clients.

ACSA Chief Executive Officer David Travers said the association was active in responding to ongoing market and regulatory change over the past six months

"In the June half, offshore allocations to Australia continued to rise as investors took advantage of investment opportunities and ongoing market momentum. Locally, while total asset levels reported by ACSA saw growth, market consolidation and client transitions have resulted in changes to individual custodians' reported assets under custody and administration.

"ACSA and its members remain focused on responding to regulatory changes and evolving market frameworks, including the continued support for the ASX CHESS replacement program, and implementation of regulatory measures such as CPS230 and new AUSTRAC reporting. We have also maintained a strong focus on thought leadership and member development.

"Innovation, industry engagement, and best practice solutions remain a critical focus for driving efficiency in custody and investment administration. Through our working groups and dedicated industry volunteers, ACSA remains well placed to address the opportunities and challenges in the year ahead," Mr Travers said.

A full copy of the ACSA data for the June 2025 can be found at: https://acsa.com.au/page/IndustryStatistics.

For more information, visit ACSA's website.

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About the Australian Custodial Services Association (ACSA)

The Australian Custodial Services Association (ACSA) is the peak industry body representing members of Australia's custodial and investment administration sector. ACSA was established in 1994 with the mission of promoting systemic efficiency and international best practice for members, clients, and the market. ACSA works with peer associations, regulators, and other market participants on a pre-competitive basis to encourage standards, process consistency, market reform and operating efficiency.