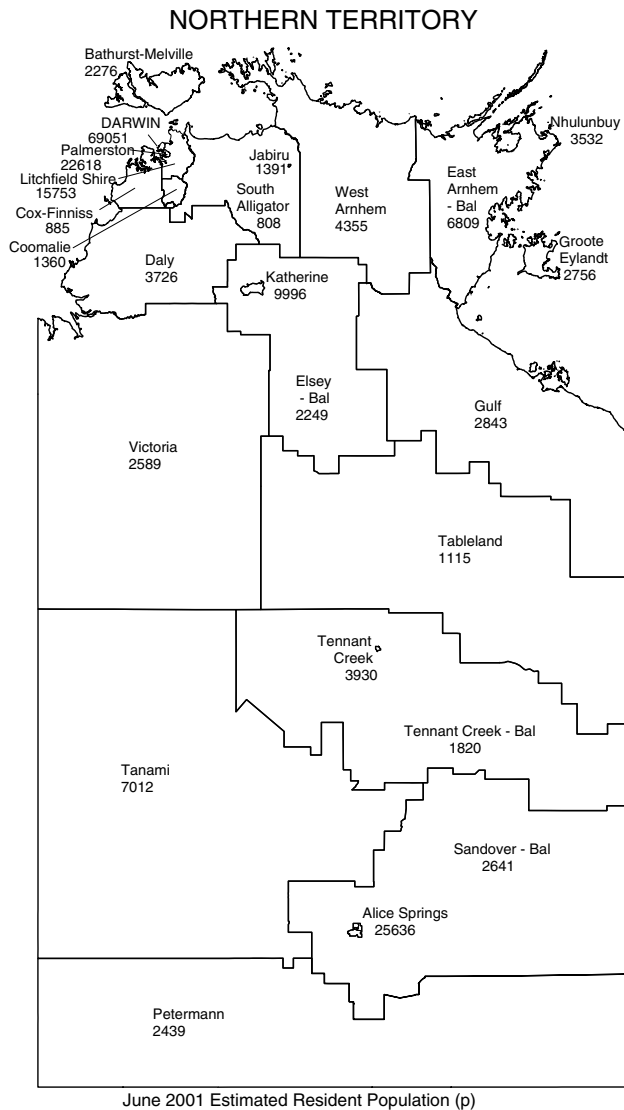


Northern Territory (NT) comprises a land area of 1,346,200 square kilometres. It is the third largest of the States and Territories after Western Australia and Queensland, yet has the smallest population and population density.

Darwin City has an estimated population of 69,051. It is the commercial and administrative centre of the Territory. Mining, tourism and defence are major contributors to the NT economy. Darwin is as close to Singapore and Manila as it is to Sydney and Melbourne.

Alice Springs is the largest regional population centre outside Darwin and is the base for significant tourism activities in the Central Region. Tourism infrastructure is well developed in Alice Springs, Yulara and other local destinations and supports a growing number of visitors. Almost half of the Territory's 1,569,000 visitors in 2000-01 visited the Centre.



CLIMATE

		Darwin	Alice Springs
Mean annual rainfall	mm	1710	285
Mean annual temperature			
min	°C	23.2	13.3
max	°C	31.9	28.6
Mean annual relative humidity			
9.00 a.m.	%	72	43
3.00 p.m.	%	54	25

Highest daily rainfall 544.6mm was recorded at Roper River Station in 1963

Highest maximum temperature 48.3°C was recorded at Finke in 1960

Lowest minimum temperature -7.5°C was recorded at Alice Springs in 1976

DEMOGRAPHY

Estimated Resident Population (30 June)		2000	2001(p)
Darwin City	no.	68 802	69 051
Palmerston	no.	21 208	22 618
Lichtfield Shire	no.	15 583	15 753
Nhulunbuy	no.	3 586	3 532
Katherine	no.	9 958	9 996
Tennant Creek	no.	3 959	3 930
Alice Springs	no.	25 574	25 636
Northern Territory	no.	195 457	197 590

Indigenous Population (Census Counts)		1991	1996
Darwin Statistical Division	no.	6 179	7 368
Katherine	no.	1 478	1 623
Tennant Creek	no.	928	1 517
Alice Springs	no.	3 708	3 911
Northern Territory	no.	39 910	46 277

Vital Statistics		1999	2000
Births	no.	3 576	3 685
Rate per 1 000 population		18.5	18.9
Deaths	no.	832	909
Rate per 1 000 population		4.3	4.7
Marriages	no.	885	861
Rate per 1 000 population		4.6	4.4
Divorces granted	no.	409	455
Rate per 1 000 population		2.1	2.3

CONSTRUCTION

Building approvals		1999-2000	2000-01
Total new houses	no.	908	608
Total new other residential buildings	no.	630	491
Total non-residential building	\$m	139.6	196.6
Total building	\$m	375.7	373.7

Building completions		1999-2000	2000-01
Total new houses	no.	1 120	597
Total new other residential buildings	no.	648	467
Total non-residential building	\$m	164.3	130.6
Total building	\$m	438.6	309.3

EDUCATION

		2000	2001
Primary and secondary schools	no.	182	181
Teaching staff (full-time equivalent)	no.	2 826	2 813
Students	no.	37 393	36 966

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LABOUR

Labour Force (trend estimate)		Dec 2000	Dec 2001
Employed persons	no.	92 900	96 000
Unemployed persons	no.	5 500	8 800
Unemployment rate	%	5.6	8.4
Participation rate	%	69.6	73.4
Labour force	no.	98 400	104 800
Civilian population aged 15 and over	no.	141 300	142 700
Average Weekly Earnings		Aug 2000	Aug 2001
All males total earnings	\$	748.30	789.00
All females total earnings	\$	559.50	587.70
All employees total earnings	\$	657.30	688.90

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

		Nov 2001
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	no.	5 357
Mining	no.	1 445
Manufacturing	no.	3 908
Electricity, gas and water supply	no.	828
Construction	no.	4 748
Wholesale trade	no.	2 649
Retail trade	no.	12 453
Accommodation, cafes & restaurants	no.	6 139
Transport and storage	no.	6 097
Communication services	no.	763
Finance and insurance	no.	1 469
Property and business services	no.	7 328
Government administration & defence	no.	20 652
Education	no.	8 900
Health and community services	no.	8 746
Cultural and recreational services	no.	1 863
Personal and other services	no.	3 766
Total	no.	97 111

MANUFACTURING

		1998-99	1999-2000
Persons employed at end of June	no.	3 400	3 300
Wages and salaries	\$m	133.8	144.9
Turnover	\$m	926.6	1 020.2

OVERSEAS TRADE

Value of NT imports from		1999-2000	2000-01
Singapore	\$m	998.1	188.8
Kuwait	\$m	84.1	136.9
United States of America	\$m	78.3	113.7
Japan	\$m	80.3	74.0
Norway	\$m	1.2	20.4
Indonesia	\$m	14.5	17.6
France	\$m	19.5	17.4
Taiwan	\$m	6.7	12.9
Total all countries	\$m	1 399.3	670.3
Value of NT exports to			
Singapore	\$m	421.7	1 348.1
Korea, Republic of	\$m	371.7	589.6
Japan	\$m	222.6	497.5
Taiwan	\$m	102.2	324.3
China	\$m	209.2	276.1
United States of America	\$m	409.0	274.3
Philippines	\$m	55.9	184.6
Indonesia	\$m	103.1	135.5
Total all countries	\$m	2 542.9	4 256.0

PRICES—DARWIN

		1999–2000	2000–01
Consumer Price Index (Base: 1989–90 = 100.0)		124.2	130.9
Established House Price Index (Base: 1989–90 = 100.0)		199.2	198.7
		Sept qtr 2000	Sept qtr 2001
Average Retail Prices—Darwin (cents)			
Milk, supermarket sales	1 litre	149	156
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales	650g	224	255
Rump steak	1kg	1 227	1 312
Potatoes	1kg	135	186
Eggs - 1 dozen	54g	311	363
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500g	184	202
Coffee, instant	150g jar	543	547
Draught beer, full strength, public bar	285 ml glass	262	259
Petrol, unleaded	1 litre	100.9	95.2

PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

Agriculture		1999–2000	2000–01
Live cattle exports	no.	275 724	251 643
Live cattle exports	\$m	145.0	140.2
Total cattle & livestock slaughtering & products (p)	\$m	199.7	191.2
Crops and horticulture (at 31 March) (p)	\$m	53.2	53.2
Total agriculture (p)	\$m	252.9	244.3
Fishing			
Estimated value of catch		1999–2000	2000–01
Barramundi	\$m	4.5	5.5
Mud Crabs	\$m	12.0	10.3
Prawns	\$m	57.1	73.3
Total for NT Fisheries	\$m	144.2	162.6

MINERALS, OIL AND GAS

		1998–99	1999–2000
Establishments	no.	31	28
Persons employed	no.	1 640	1 385
Wages and salaries	\$m	130	116
Turnover	\$m	1 355	1 340
Value of production	\$m	1 266	1 290
Mineral exploration expenditure			
		1999–00	2000–01
Gold	\$m	40.0	26.7
Total mineral exploration (other than petroleum)	\$m	57.5	47.5
NT/Ashmore & Cartier Islands petroleum exploration	\$m	88.3	63.4

TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

		Sept qtr 2000	Sept qtr 2001
Guest arrivals			
Licensed hotels with facilities	no.	117 300	129 200
Motels & guest houses	no.	172 600	206 700
Serviced apartments	no.	56 300	56 000
Takings from accommodation			
Licensed hotels with facilities	\$m	17.6	19.9
Motels & guest houses	\$m	20.0	21.8
Serviced apartments	\$m	10.6	10.1

TRANSPORT

		1999–2000	2000–01
New motor vehicles registered during year	no.	7 862	7 243
New motor cycles registered during year	no.	653	491

SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED

°C	— degrees Celsius	n.p.	— not published
\$m	— dollar millions	no.	— number
kg	— kilograms	p	— preliminary data
kms	— kilometres	qtr	— quarter
mL	— millilitres	'000	— thousand
mm	— millimetres		

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