



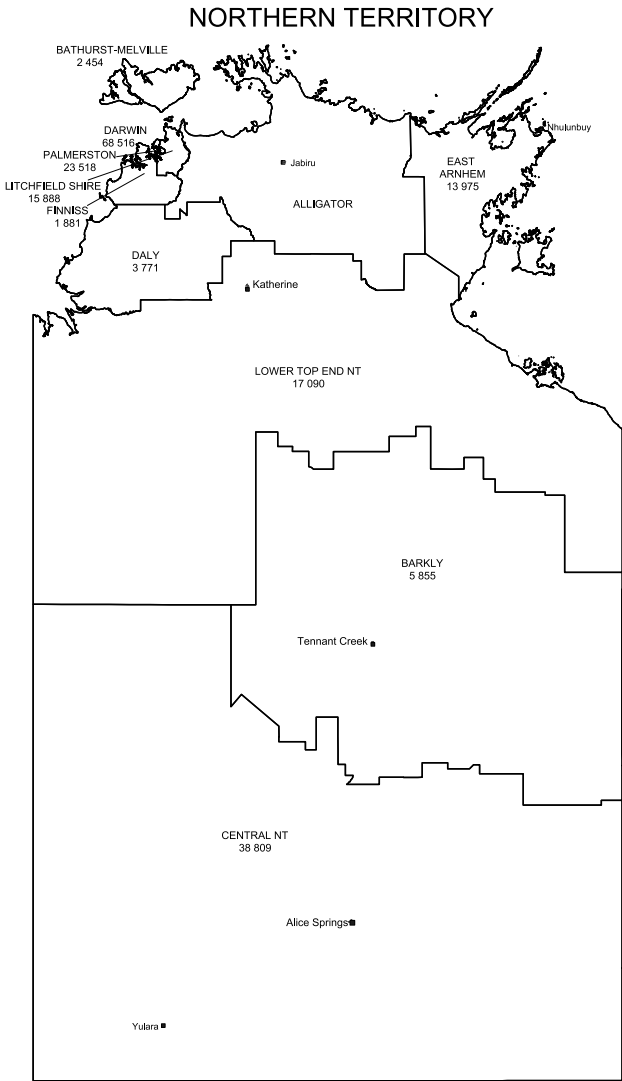
# **2004 NORTHERN TERRITORY AT A GLANCE**



Northern Territory (NT) comprises a land area of 1,346,200 km<sup>2</sup>. 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 68,516. It is the commercial and administrative centre of the Territory. Alice Springs is the largest regional population centre outside Darwin and is the base for significant tourism activities in the Central Region. Mining, tourism and defence are major contributors to the NT economy.

The completion of the rail link to Darwin and commencement of freight and passenger train services in January 2004 has opened up new opportunities for regional development. The East Arm wharf complex, encompassing two rail sidings, container terminals, and berthing facilities completes this freight network.



June 2003 Estimated Resident Population (p) for Statistical Subdivisions

CLIMATE

		Darwin	Alice Springs
Mean annual rainfall	mm	1 705	285
Mean annual temperature			
min	°C	23.2	13.2
max	°C	32.0	28.6
Mean annual relative humidity			
9.00 am	%	72	43
3.00 pm	%	54	25
Highest daily rainfall 544.6mm was recorded at Roper River Station in 1963.			
Highest monthly rainfall 1252.1mm rec'd at Redbank Mine Station, Jan 2003.			
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)		2002	2003
Darwin City	no.	r68 631	p68 516
Palmerston	no.	r23 333	p23 518
Litchfield Shire	no.	r15 791	p15 888
Katherine	no.	r8 854	p8 610
Tennant Creek	no.	r3 013	p2 983
Alice Springs	no.	r26 403	p26 229
Northern Territory	no.	r198 665	p198 351
Indigenous Population (Census Counts)		1996	2001
Darwin City	no.	5 723	5 983
Palmerston	no.	1 466	2 346
Litchfield Shire	no.	980	944
Katherine	no.	1 623	1 898
Tennant Creek	no.	1 517	1 176
Alice Springs	no.	3 911	4 252
Northern Territory	no.	46 277	50 785
Vital Statistics		2001	2002
Births	no.	3 822	3 724
Rate per 1,000 population		19.1	18.8
Deaths	no.	872	911
Rate per 1,000 population		4.4	4.6
Marriages	no.	781	747
Rate per 1,000 population		3.9	3.8
Divorces granted	no.	447	na
Rate per 1,000 population		2.2	na

CONSTRUCTION

Building approvals		2001–02	2002–03
Total new houses	no.	643	514
Total new other residential building	no.	303	428
Total non-residential building	\$m	159.4	151.3
Total building	\$m	321.1	344.9
Building completions			
Total new houses	no.	678	559
Total new other residential building	no.	352	459
Total non-residential building	\$m	169.7	131.2
Total building	\$m	337.4	342.0

EDUCATION

		2002	2003
Primary and secondary schools	no.	183	183
Teaching staff (full-time equivalent)	no.	2 827	2 821
Full-time students	no.	r36 647	37 003

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## LABOUR

<b>Labour Force (trend estimate)</b>		<b>Jan 2003</b>	<b>Jan 2004</b>
Employed persons	no.	98 900	97 400
Unemployed persons	no.	6 000	4 600
Unemployment rate	%	5.7	4.5
Participation rate	%	73.8	71.7
Labour force	no.	104 900	102 000
Civilian population aged 15 years and over	no.	142 000	142 400
<b>Average Weekly Earnings</b>		<b>Nov 2002</b>	<b>Nov 2003</b>
All males total earnings	\$	820.70	820.20
All females total earnings	\$	595.00	619.40
All employees total earnings	\$	706.10	720.10

## EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

		<b>Nov qtr 2003</b>
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	no.	2 788
Mining	no.	2 054
Manufacturing	no.	3 743
Electricity, gas and water supply	no.	850
Construction	no.	7 060
Wholesale trade	no.	2 152
Retail trade	no.	12 947
Accommodation, cafes & restaurants	no.	4 901
Transport and storage	no.	6 318
Communication services	no.	468
Finance and insurance	no.	1 312
Property and business services	no.	6 704
Government administration & defence	no.	22 579
Education	no.	7 504
Health and community services	no.	7 302
Cultural and recreational services	no.	2 853
Personal and other services	no.	5 255
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>96 791</b>

## OVERSEAS TRADE

<b>Value of NT imports from</b>		<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>
Singapore	\$m	234.2	188.3
Kuwait	\$m	120.7	118.3
Japan	\$m	122.3	92.2
United States of America	\$m	135.3	52.8
Korea, Republic of	\$m	101.4	41.0
Saudi Arabia	\$m	3.0	20.4
United Kingdom	\$m	17.1	12.7
Indonesia	\$m	64.5	11.3
<i>Total all countries</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>1 000.0</i>	<i>714.9</i>
<b>Value of NT exports to</b>			
Singapore	\$m	1 009.6	546.6
China	\$m	424.4	358.0
United States of America	\$m	133.0	155.7
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	\$m	114.4	151.9
Canada	\$m	49.7	148.5
Indonesia	\$m	178.9	145.0
Korea, Republic of	\$m	247.7	144.9
Japan	\$m	161.7	118.1
<i>Total all countries</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>2 755.8</i>	<i>2 120.1</i>

## INTERNET ACTIVITY

		<b>Sep qtr 2002</b>	<b>Sep qtr 2003</b>
ISPs	no.	23	18
Access lines	no.	4 701	9 340
All subscribers	no.	37 000	35 000
Data downloaded	million MBs	19	25

PRICES — DARWIN

		2001–02	2002–03
Consumer Price Index (Base: 1989–90 = 100.0)		133.7	136.8
Established House Price Index (Base: 1989–90 = 100.0)		204.2	218.2
		Dec qtr 2002	Dec qtr 2003
Average Retail Prices — Darwin (cents)			
Milk, supermarket sales	1 litre	176	174
Bread, white loaf, sliced, supermarket sales	650 g	274	277
Rump steak	1 kg	1 482	1 624
Potatoes	1 kg	190	244
Eggs — 1 dozen	54 g	389	417
Margarine, polyunsaturated	500 g	235	243
Coffee, instant	150 g jar	584	577
Draught beer, full strength, public bar	285 ml glass	262	269
Petrol, unleaded	1 litre	95.6	97.0

PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

Agriculture		2002	2003
Live cattle exports	'000	306.1	229.9
Live cattle exports	\$m	186.8	131.8
Meat exports	\$m	4.5	1.5
Fruit & nut exports	\$m	1.4	1.2
Vegetable exports	\$'000	12.4	164.2
		2000–01	2001–02
Total livestock slaughterings, disposals and products	\$m	205.2	250.3
Crops and horticulture	\$m	64.4	70.2
Total agriculture (gross value)	\$m	269.6	320.6
Fishing (estimated value of catch)		2000–01	2001–02
Prawns	\$m	73.3	80.5
Total of all species	\$m	142.1	117.1

MINERALS, OIL AND GAS

		2000–01	2001–02
Persons employed	no.	1 668	na
Wages and salaries	\$m	142	na
Value of production	\$m	3 633	na
Mineral exploration expenditure		2001–02	2002–03
Gold	\$m	25.4	np
Total mineral exploration (other than petroleum)	\$m	48.4	49.0
Petroleum exploration	\$m	169.9	np

TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

		Sep qtr 2002	Sep qtr 2003
Guest arrivals			
Licensed hotels with facilities	no.	118 000	105 100
Motels & guest houses	no.	194 900	190 500
Serviced apartments	no.	50 800	70 500
Takings from accommodation			
Licensed hotels with facilities	\$m	19.9	19.3
Motels & guest houses	\$m	21.0	19.8
Serviced apartments	\$m	9.7	12.4

TRANSPORT

		2002	2003
Sales of new motor vehicles	no.	7 412	7 881
Motor vehicles on register (excl. motorcycles)	no.	100 381	101 015
Motorcycles on register	no.	3 414	3 244

SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED

°C	— degrees Celsius	np	— not published
g	— gram	NT	— Northern Territory
ISP	— Internet Service Provider	p	— preliminary
kg	— kilogram	r	— revised
km²	— square kilometre	qtr	— quarter
mm	— millimetre	%	— per cent
MBs	— megabytes	'000	— thousands
na	— not available	\$	— dollars
no.	— number	\$m	— millions dollars

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