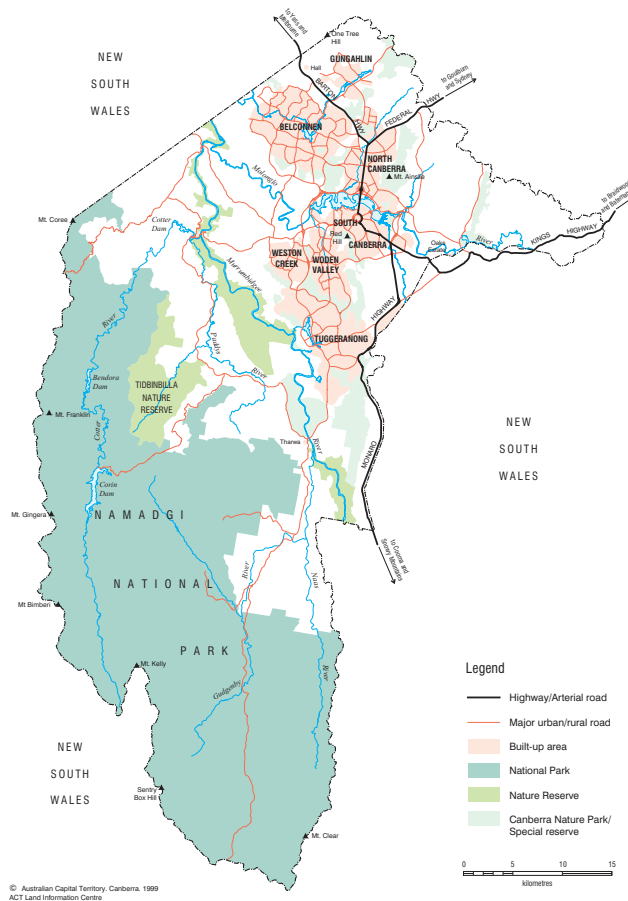


In 1911, an area of 2,368 square kilometres was transferred to the Commonwealth of Australia by the State of New State Wales to become the Australian Capital Territory (ACT). The city of Canberra, Australia's national capital, is located in the northern part of this area, 300 km south-west of Sydney and 650 km north-east of Melbourne by road. On 11 May 1989 self-government for the Territory was proclaimed.

The ACT is the smallest of Australia's six States and two Territories but has the highest population density, and is the only State or Territory without a sea border.

### AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY



## CLIMATE OF THE ACT

(Lat. 35 19'S, Long. 149 11'E, Height above MSL 571 metres)

The weather in the ACT in 2000 was wetter and warmer than the average.

	During 2000	Annual average
Annual rainfall	626.4 mm	630.2 mm
Days of rain	116	106
Thunderstorms	11	23
Average daily temperature	13.3°C	12.9°C
Days temperature exceeded 30°C	34	30
Days of frost	97	99
Days of fog	46	46
Average hours of sunshine per day	8	8
Extremes	During 2000	Long term
Air temperature—hottest	35.1°C (21 Dec)	42.2°C (1.2.68)
—coldest	-7.1°C (15 Jun)	-10.0°C(11.7.71)
Rainfall—highest month	121.2 mm (Dec)	312.0 mm (Mar 1950)
—lowest month	14.6 mm (Feb)	0.0 mm (multiple)

## ACT IN COMPARISON TO AUSTRALIA

	Unit	Period	ACT	Australia
Area	'000 sq km	June 2000	2.4	7 682.3
<b>Demography</b>				
Estimated resident population	'000	June 2000	310.8	19157.0
Annual population growth rate	%	1999–2000	0.5	1.2
Permanent settlers	no.	1999	807	88010
<b>Rates per 1000 mean population</b>				
Births(a)	no.	1999	13.7	13.1
Deaths(b) standardised rate	no.	1999	5.4	5.9
Marriages	no.	1999	5.8	6.0
<b>Economy</b>				
Gross State Product				
Current prices	\$m	1999–2000	12 772	631 810
Chain volume measures	\$m	1999–2000	12 669	620 963
Growth rate (chain volume measure)	%	1999–2000	4.9	4.3
Final Consumption Expenditure				
General government	\$m	1999–2000	9 870	117 773
Household	\$m	1999–2000	6857	373 313
Consumer Price Index	% change	1999–2000	2.2	2.4
<b>Labour force (annual average trend)</b>				
Labour force	'000	1999–2000	173.9	9 576.8
Employed persons	'000	1999–2000	164.8	8 943.4
Unemployed persons	'000	1999–2000	9.1	633.5
Unemployment rate	%	1999–2000	5.2	6.6
Participation rate	%	1999–2000	72.7	63.4
<b>Average weekly earnings trend</b>				
All males—total earnings	\$	Feb 2001	921	777
All females—total earnings	\$	Feb 2001	670	525
<b>Transport</b>				
New motor vehicle registrations(c)	no.	1999–2000	13	728
Road fatalities	no.	1999–2000	18	1 825

(a) Children born to mothers usually resident in the ACT.

(b) Of People resident in the ACT.

(c) Excludes Motorcycles.

**AGRICULTURE (at 31 March)**

	Unit	1997	1998	1999
Number of establishments	no.	103	105	101
Area of crops	ha	250	234	195
Total area of establishments	ha	49 000	50 000	49 000
<b>Livestock</b>				
Cattle and calves	no.	13 000	10 000	10 000
Sheep and lambs	no.	84 000	76 000	80 000
Poultry	no.	197 000	122 000	120 000
<b>Gross value of production</b>				
Crops (incl. pasture and grasses)	\$'000	5 500	2 800	2 300
Livestock slaughterings	\$'000	2 300	1 900	2 500
Livestock products (incl. wool and milk)	\$'000	6 900	6 500	9 800

**BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION**

		1997-98	1998-99	1999-00
<b>Construction activity—commenced</b>				
Residential building	\$m	296.9	308.3	402.0
Non-residential building	\$m	341.0	315.2	277.5
Engineering construction	\$m	147.8	268.3	266.3
Total	\$m	685.7	891.8	945.8
<b>New residential building approvals</b>				
Houses	no.	1 101	1 297	1 500
Other residential	no.	293	644	804
Total	no.	1 394	1 941	2 304
<b>Moving annual median house prices (at Dec qtr)</b>				
Established house	\$'000	155.5	161.5	180.8
Established unit/townhouse	\$'000	128.5	131.1	140.3

**CRIME**

		1997-98	1998-99	1999-00
<b>Offences reported or becoming known to police</b>				
Offences against the person	no.	2 301	2 344	2 389
Robbery and extortion	no.	234	304	328
Burglary, fraud and theft	no.	24 278	27 731	33 817
Property damage and environment offences	no.	7 991	8 467	10 144
Offences against good order	no.	3 981	3 076	2 796
All other offences	no.	2 345	2 581	3 828
Total	no.	41 130	44 503	53 302

**DEMOGRAPHY**

		1995	1999	2000
Estimated resident population (at 30 June)	'000	304.8	309.3	310.8
<b>Statistical subdivision (at 30 June)</b>				
North Canberra	'000	38.8	38.5	38.8
Belconnen	'000	85.5	84.1	84.4
Woden Valley	'000	33.1	32.4	32.3
Weston Creek–Stromlo	'000	25.1	24.1	23.9
Tuggeranong	'000	89.2	89.1	88.9
South Canberra	'000	22.6	23.0	23.0
Gungahlin–Hall	'000	10.2	17.8	19.4
Remainder of ACT	'000	0.3	0.3	0.3
<b>Vital events registered</b>				
Births	no.	4 208	3 982	4 253
Deaths	no.	1 334	1 272	1 331
Marriages	no.	1 873	1 692	1 814
Divorces(a)	no.	1 528	1 521	1 485
<b>Rates per 1000 mean population</b>				
Births	no.	13.6	12.9	4.3
Deaths	no.	4.3	4.1	4.1
Marriages standardised rate	no.	6.0	5.5	5.5

(a) Due to large number of divorces granted in the ACT to usual residents of other States, this data would not be representative of the ACT Population.

## EDUCATION

<b>Establishments</b>		<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>
Pre-schools	no.	85	85	85
Government schools(a)	no.	96	96	95
Non-government schools(a)	no.	40	42	43
Higher education	no.	4	4	4
Vocational Education and Training Institution	no.	3	3	3
<b>Student Enrolments</b>				
Pre-schools	no.	4 110	4 045	3 604
Government(a)	no.	39 008	38 730	38 192
Non-government(a)	no.	21 676	21 704	22 927
Higher education	no.	19 941	20 531	20 162
Vocational Education and Training Institution	no.	18 500	18 700	n.a.

(a) At 21 February.

## GOVERNMENT FINANCE

		<b>1998-99</b>	<b>1999-00</b>	<b>2000-01(a)</b>
<b>Revenue</b>				
Taxation	\$m	626	690	533
Current grants and subsidies	\$m	573	654	(b)807
Other	\$m	433	575	556
<b>Expenses</b>				
Operating	\$m	1 434	1 477	1 485
Other	\$m	330	361	438
<b>Net operating balance</b>	\$m	-132	82	-26

(a) Includes alterations and additions.

(b) Includes GST related transactions.

## INTERNATIONAL TRADE

		<b>1997-98</b>	<b>1998-99</b>	<b>1999-00</b>
Imports	\$'000	10 355	12 280	8 761
Exports	\$'000	12 618	21 436	32 756

## LABOUR FORCE (annual average trend)

		<b>1997-98</b>	<b>1998-99</b>	<b>1999-00</b>
Employed persons	'000	153.9	156.6	164.8
Males	'000	80.7	81.7	86.2
Females	'000	73.2	74.9	78.6
Unemployed persons	'000	12.5	10.4	9.1
Males	'000	7.1	6.2	5.3
Females	'000	5.4	4.3	3.8
Unemployment rate	%	7.5	6.3	5.2
Males	%	8.1	7.0	5.8
Females	%	6.9	5.4	4.5
Participation rate	%	71.4	70.9	72.7
Males	%	78.1	77.2	78.7
Females	%	65.1	65.1	67.0
<b>Industry, average annual employment</b>		<b>1997-98</b>	<b>1998-99</b>	<b>1999-00</b>
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	'000	1.1	1.0	0.8
Mining	'000	0.1	-	-
Manufacturing	'000	3.2	4.7	5.5
Electricity, gas and water supply	'000	0.9	0.9	0.8
Construction	'000	7.1	7.5	10.8
Wholesale trade	'000	4.0	4.3	3.8
Retail trade	'000	22.0	23.8	20.9
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	'000	7.7	7.7	7.9
Transport and storage	'000	4.4	4.2	5.1
Communication services	'000	2.4	2.5	2.6
Finance and insurance	'000	3.1	3.8	4.1
Property and business services	'000	21.8	22.0	25.4
Government administration and defence	'000	39.9	38.7	37.0

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<b>Industry, average annual employment—continued</b>		<b>1998-99</b>	<b>1999-00</b>	<b>2000-01</b>
Education	'000	14.8	14.5	16.3
Health and community services	'000	11.5	13.3	15.4
Cultural and recreational services	'000	6.6	6.4	6.4
Personal and other services	'000	7.0	6.9	6.0
<b>Average weekly earnings, trend</b>		<b>Feb 1999</b>	<b>Feb 2000</b>	<b>Feb 2001</b>
Male employees	\$	779	834	921
Female employees	\$	580	613	670
All employees	\$	680	727	778
<b>Industrial disputes year ending April</b>		<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>
Working days lost	'000	4.9	4.4	1.4
Working days lost per 1000 employees	no.	29	34	9

### MANUFACTURING

		<b>1997-98</b>	<b>1998-99</b>	<b>1999-00</b>
Persons employed	'000	4.0	4.0	4.0
Wages and salaries paid	\$m	120	117	130
Turnover	\$m	594	603	640

### MEDICARE SERVICES

<b>Average number of services</b>		<b>1997-98</b>	<b>1998-99</b>	<b>1999-00</b>
Males	no.	7.1	7.1	7.0
Females	no.	10.8	10.9	10.9
Persons	no.	8.9	9.0	9.0
Males 75+	no.	19.6	18.1	16.4
Females 75+	no.	22.9	22.4	23.0

### PRICES

<b>Consumer price index (Canberra)—percentage change</b>		<b>1997-98</b>	<b>1998-99</b>	<b>1999-00</b>
All groups	%	-0.7	0.9	2.2
Food	%	2.7	2.8	1.2
Tobacco and alcohol	%	1.7	2.2	2.6
Clothing	%	0.1	0.7	-1.0
Housing	%	-10.5	-0.2	4.2
Household furnishings, supplies and services	%	0.4	11.0	0.7
Health	%	4.3	-2.5	-1.7
Transportation	%	-0.8	-1.5	4.9
Communication	%	—	-3.8	-5.0
Recreation	%	2.0	1.8	1.2
Education	%	5.6	4.1	3.0
Miscellaneous	%	4.4	4.8	8.7
<b>Average retail prices (cents)</b>		<b>Jun 98</b>	<b>Jun 99</b>	<b>Jun 00</b>
Milk, carton, supermarket sales	1 litre	115	115	123
Bread, white loaf, supermarket sales(a)	650g	201	212	231
Rump steak	1 kg	1 124	1 214	1 250
Coffee instant	150g jar	649	520	634
Draught beer, full strength, public bar	285ml glass	178	180	186
Petrol, unleaded	1 litre	73.8	72.3	87.8

(a)Bread weighted 680 grams in June Quarter 1998.

## PRIVATE FINANCE

		1997-98	1998-99	1999-00
Bank deposits (at 30 June)	\$m	5 346	5 292	5 792
<b>Lending commitments</b>				
Housing finance for owner occupation(a)	\$m	930	1 122	1 436
Personal	\$m	731	893	945
Commercial	\$m	1 315	1 140	1 449
Lease	\$m	152	171	224

(a) Includes alterations and additions.

## RETAIL TRADE

Turnover		1997-98	1998-99	1999-00
Food retailing	\$m	945	961	1 014
Department stores	\$m	289	295	315
Clothing and soft good retailing	\$m	172	182	192
Household goods retailing	\$m	307	323	439
Recreational good retailing	\$m	137	163	190
Other retailing	\$m	235	247	273
Hospitality and service industries	\$m	326	405	416
Total	\$m	2 462	2 575	2 839

## STATE ACCOUNTS

Gross State Product		1997-98	1998-99	1999-00
At current prices	\$m	11 371	12 075	12 772
Chain volume measures, experimental series	\$m	11 618	12 075	12 669

## TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

Hotels, motels and guest houses(a) (June qtr)		1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Establishments	no.	53	58	60
Guest rooms	no.	4 531	4 716	5 020
Bed spaces	no.	13 835	14 506	15 195
Room occupancy rates	%	59	60	59
Takings from accommodation	\$'000	24 391	25 813	28 963

(a) Comprising establishments with 15 or more rooms or units with facilities.

## TRANSPORT

New motor vehicle registrations		1997-98	1998-99	1999-00
Passenger vehicles	no.	15 403	13 741	11 660
Light commercial vehicles	no.	1 114	1 065	1 221
Trucks	no.	55	70	100
Total motor vehicles	no.	16 645	14 939	13 050
Motor cycles	no.	503	601	504
Motor vehicles on register (at 31 October)		1997	1998	1999
Passenger vehicles	'000	169	168	170
Light commercial vehicles	'000	18	17	17
Trucks	'000	3	3	3
Total motor vehicles	'000	191	189	191
Motor cycles	'000	6.0	6.0	6.0

## SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED

°C	— degrees Celsius	\$'000	— dollars thousand
\$m	— dollars million	\$	— dollars
km/h	— kilometres per hour	%	— percent
mm	— millimetres	n.a.	— not available
'000	— thousand	no.	— number
qtr	— quarter	ha	— hectare
sq km	— square kilometre	km	— kilometre
Lat.	— latitude	Long.	— longitude
e	— estimated		