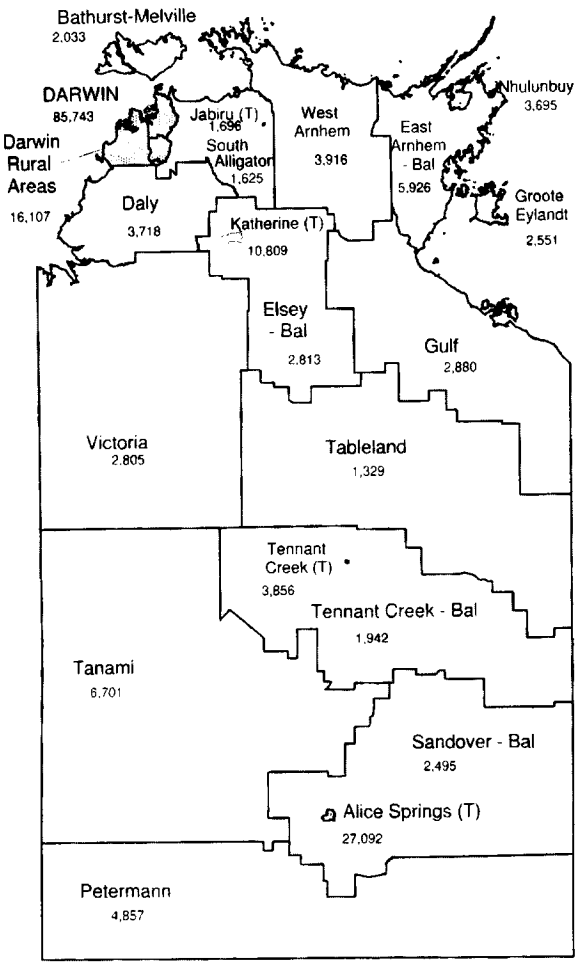
NORTHERN TERRITORY



1996 Census Population Counts
(includes visitors)

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NORTHERN TERRITORY *at a glance*

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Area	km²		1 347 225
		Darwin	**Alice Springs**
Average annual rainfall	mm	1 666	273
Average annual temperature			
min	°C	23.2	13.2
max	°C	31.9	28.6
Average annual humidity			
9.00 a.m.	%	73	42
3.00 p.m.	%	54	23
Highest daily rainfall record:	Roper River Station	1963	544.6 mm
Highest maximum temperature recorded:	Finke	1960	48.3 °C
Lowest minimum temperature recorded:	Alice Springs	1976	-7.5 °C

Estimated Resident Population		*1996*	*1997 (p)*
Darwin City	no	68 889	69 415
Palmerston	no	13 343	14 849
Darwin Rural Areas	no	15 435	16 147
Katherine	no	9 443	9 752
Alice Springs	no	25 040	25 713
Nhulunbuy	no	3 759	3 784
Tennant Creek	no	3 670	3 832
Northern Territory	no	181 843	187 132
Indigenous Population by Census		*1991*	*1996*
Darwin Statistical Division	no	6 179	7 368
Alice Springs	no	3 708	3 911
Tennant Creek	no	928	1 517
Katherine	no	1 478	1 623
Northern Territory	no	39 910	46 277
Vital Statistics		*1995*	*1996*
Births	no	3 729	3 531
Rate per 1 000 population		20.6	19.1
Deaths	no	812	768
Rate per 1000 population		4.5	4.2
Marriages	no	797	787
Rate per 1000 population		4.4	4.3
Divorces granted	no	432	486
Rate per 1000 population		2.5	2.7

Public Hospitals	no	5	5
Available beds	no	569	577
Bed utilisation	%	89	86

Schools	no	174	172
Teaching staff	no	2 543	2 587
Students	no	34 842	35 507

Approvals			
New houses	no	931	1 105
New other residential buildings	no	505	842
Total building	$m	394.3	474.4
Completions			
New houses	no	1 011	940
New other residential buildings	no	488	623
Total building	$m	399.8	499.7

Employment (trend estimate)		*Dec 1996*	*Dec 1997*
Employed persons	'000	82.4	88.1
Unemployed persons	'000	4.4	3.5
Unemployed rate	%	5.1	3.8
Participation rate	%	68.2	70.4
Average Weekly Earnings		*Aug 1996*	*Aug 1997*
All males total earnings	$	672.5	671.3
All females total earnings	$	475.9	506.7
All employees total earnings	$	579.0	592.3

* Source: Territory Health Services Annual Report

Consumer Price Index (Base: 1989-90 =100.0)		119.5	121.6
Established House Price Index (Base: 1989-90 = 100.0)		188.0	196.9
AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES - DARWIN (cents)		Sep qtr 1996	Sep qtr 1997
Milk, carton	1 litre	116	121
Bread, white loaf, sliced	680 g	194	196
Rump steak	1 kg	1 289	1 218
Potatoes	1 kg	109	132
Eggs - dozen	55g	291	310
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500g	211	191
Coffee, instant	150g	565	610
Draught beer, full strength	285 ml	225	230
Petrol, unleaded	1 litre	77.4	78.9

AGRICULTURE			
Establishments	no	337	355
Field crops and horticulture	$m	36.0	40.6
Livestock slaughterings/other disposals and livestock products	$m	138.2	149.5
Live cattle & buffalo exports	no	129 363	156 667
FISHING			
Estimated value of catch		1994-95	1995-96
Barramundi	$m	2.5	2.9
Snapper	$m	2.6	3.6
Prawns	$m	62.1	35.9
Total (all species)	$m	121.9	98.9

Establishments	no	32	30
Persons employed	no	1 784	1 911
Wages and salaries	$m	121.7	127.9
Turnover	$m	1 280.3	1 272.7
EXPLORATION EXPENDITURE		1995-96	1996-97
Mineral exploration	$m	93.9	88.9
Petroleum exploration	$m	96.3	n.p.

Persons employed	'000	3.2	3.5
Wages and salaries	$m	99.9	101.3
Turnover	$m	736.3	900.1

Occupancy rates			
Hotels/motels/guesthouses	%	57.6	57.0
Caravan parks	%	28.3	28.6
Holiday flats, units and houses	%	74.5	69.5
Visitor Hostels	%	52.7	47.7
Takings from accommodation	$m	134.0	145.3

New motor vehicles registered during year	no	7 660	7 715

Value of imports to NT	$m	394.6	404.0
Value of exports from NT	$m	1 210.5	1 244.9

Territory Government			
Current & Capital Outlays	$m	1 697	1 771
Taxes, Fees & Fines	$m	308	323
Revenue & Grants received	$m	1 410	1 379

NOTE: (p) indicates preliminary figure n.p. not published