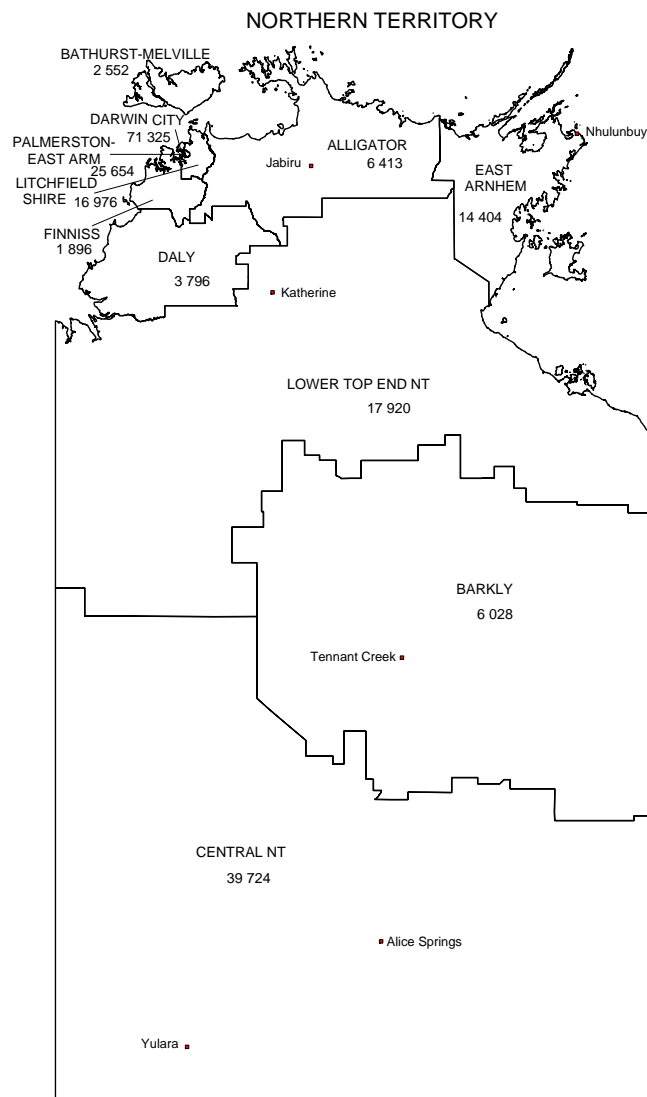




2007 Northern Territory at a glance

The Northern Territory (NT) comprises a land area of 1,346,200 km². It is the third largest of the states and territories after Western Australia and Queensland, yet it has the smallest population and the lowest population density. The population is relatively young and highly urbanised with a significantly higher proportion of Indigenous people than other states.

Darwin City, with a population of 71,325, is the commercial and administrative centre of the Territory. The adjacent municipalities of Palmerston City and Litchfield Shire have populations of 25,654 and 16,976 respectively and, when combined with Darwin City, give a total capital city population of 113,955. Alice Springs is the largest regional population centre and is the base for significant tourism activities in the Central Region.



CLIMATE

| | | Darwin | Alice Springs |
|-------------------------------|----|---------|---------------|
| Mean annual rainfall | mm | 1 713.9 | 285.5 |
| Mean annual temperature | | | |
| min | °C | 23.2 | 13.2 |
| max | °C | 31.9 | 28.7 |
| Mean annual relative humidity | | | |
| 9.00 am | % | 72 | 43 |
| 3.00 pm | % | 54 | 25 |

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

Highest monthly rainfall 1,252.1mm recorded 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) | | 2005r | 2006p |
|---|-----|---------|---------|
| Darwin City | no. | 70 190 | 71 325 |
| Palmerston | no. | 24 485 | 25 654 |
| Litchfield Shire | no. | 16 504 | 16 976 |
| Katherine | no. | 9 031 | 9 022 |
| Tennant Creek | no. | 3 031 | 3 068 |
| Alice Springs | no. | 26 928 | 27 018 |
| Northern Territory | no. | 203 404 | 206 688 |
| 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 | | 2004 | 2005 |
| Births | no. | 3 551 | 3 659 |
| Rate per 1,000 population | | 17.8 | 18.0 |
| Deaths | no. | 893 | 985 |
| Rate per 1,000 population | | 4.5 | 4.8 |
| Marriages | no. | 777 | 774 |
| Rate per 1,000 population | | 3.9 | 3.8 |
| Divorces granted | no. | 434 | 470 |
| Rate per 1,000 population | | 2.2 | 2.3 |

CONSTRUCTION

| Building approvals | | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--------------------------------------|-----|---------|---------|
| Total new houses | no. | 675 | 677 |
| Total new other residential building | no. | 702 | 623 |
| Total residential building | \$m | 363.8 | 396.1 |
| Total non-residential building | \$m | 275.4 | 424.1 |
| Total building | \$m | 639.3 | 820.2 |
| Building completions | | | |
| Total new houses | no. | 510 | 634 |
| Total new other residential building | no. | 533 | 432 |
| Total residential building | \$m | 261.8 | 317.1 |
| Total non-residential building | \$m | 191.1 | 270.0 |
| Total building | \$m | 452.9 | 587.1 |

EDUCATION

| | | 2005 | 2006 |
|---------------------------------------|-----|--------|--------|
| Primary and secondary schools | no. | 181 | 181 |
| Teaching staff (full-time equivalent) | no. | 2 910 | 2 976 |
| Full-time students | no. | 37 373 | 37 580 |

LABOUR

| Labour Force (trend estimate) | | Jan 2006 | Jan 2007 |
|--|-----|-----------------|-----------------|
| Employed persons | no. | 97 600 | 102 100 |
| Unemployed persons | no. | 6 700 | 2 600 |
| Unemployment rate | % | 6.4 | 2.5 |
| Participation rate | % | 70.0 | 68.6 |
| Labour force | no. | 104 300 | 104 700 |
| Civilian population aged 15 years and over | no. | 148 900 | 152 700 |
| Average Weekly Earnings | | Nov 2005 | Nov 2006 |
| All males total earnings | \$ | 993.40 | 975.50 |
| All females total earnings | \$ | 664.30 | 724.80 |
| All employees total earnings | \$ | 829.60 | 847.90 |

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

| | | Nov qtr 2006 |
|-------------------------------------|------------|---------------------|
| Agriculture, forestry and fishing | no. | 3 040 |
| Mining | no. | 1 520 |
| Manufacturing | no. | 2 860 |
| Electricity, gas and water supply | no. | 1 180 |
| Construction | no. | 8 300 |
| Wholesale trade | no. | 2 850 |
| Retail trade | no. | 12 450 |
| Accommodation, cafes & restaurants | no. | 7 130 |
| Transport and storage | no. | 4 430 |
| Communication services | no. | 2 260 |
| Finance and insurance | no. | 1 710 |
| Property and business services | no. | 11 200 |
| Government administration & defence | no. | 10 440 |
| Education | no. | 8 070 |
| Health and community services | no. | 11 070 |
| Cultural and recreational services | no. | 5 330 |
| Personal and other services | no. | 7 530 |
| Total | no. | 101 380 |

OVERSEAS TRADE

| Value of NT imports from | | 2005 | 2006 |
|---------------------------------|------------|----------------|----------------|
| France | \$m | 846.2 | 538.4 |
| Singapore | \$m | 462.1 | 512.2 |
| Thailand | \$m | 112.0 | 270.1 |
| Kuwait | \$m | 165.0 | 149.8 |
| Viet Nam | \$m | 0.7 | 132.3 |
| Japan | \$m | 112.8 | 117.9 |
| Malaysia | \$m | 55.1 | 79.6 |
| China | \$m | 37.3 | 59.2 |
| <i>Total all countries</i> | <i>\$m</i> | <i>2 095.5</i> | <i>2 866.3</i> |
| Value of NT exports to | | | |
| Japan | \$m | 160.1 | 1 221.4 |
| China | \$m | 611.2 | 741.4 |
| Singapore | \$m | 238.1 | 439.8 |
| Indonesia | \$m | 137.2 | 259.0 |
| United States of America | \$m | 177.2 | 167.3 |
| Canada | \$m | 238.5 | 120.6 |
| Hong Kong (SAR of China) | \$m | 120.4 | 104.1 |
| Korea, Republic of | \$m | 36.3 | 77.2 |
| <i>Total all countries</i> | <i>\$m</i> | <i>2 309.7</i> | <i>3 616.2</i> |

INTERNET ACCESS

| | | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--------------------------------------|-----|----------------|----------------|
| Households with home internet access | no. | 34 000 | 35 000 |
| Proportion with home internet access | % | 61 | 60 |

PRICES — DARWIN

| | | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
|--|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Consumer Price Index (Base: 1989-90 = 100.0) | | 141.8 | 146.5 |
| Established House Price Index (Base: 2003-04 = 100.0) | | 115.9 | p137.8 |
| Average Retail Prices — Darwin (cents) | | Dec qtr 2005 | Dec qtr 2006 |
| Milk | 2 litre | 338 | 357 |
| Bread, white loaf, sliced | 650 g | 323 | 351 |
| Rump steak | 1 kg | 1 889 | 1 901 |
| Potatoes | 1 kg | 265 | 296 |
| Eggs — 1 dozen | 600 g | 351 | 359 |
| Margarine, polyunsaturated | 500 g | 260 | 286 |
| Coffee, instant | 150 g jar | 621 | 678 |
| Draught beer, full strength, public bar | 285 ml glass | 300 | 297 |
| Petrol, unleaded | 1 litre | 129.5 | 126.4 |

PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

| Agriculture | | 2005 | 2006 |
|--|--------|---------|---------|
| Live cattle exports | '000 | 218.9 | 246.2 |
| Live cattle exports | \$m | 132.7 | 146.6 |
| Meat exports | \$m | 2.0 | 0.8 |
| Fruit & nut exports | \$m | 0.9 | 1.1 |
| Vegetable exports | \$'000 | 57.9 | 281.4 |
| | | 2003-04 | 2004-05 |
| Total livestock slaughterings, disposals and products | \$m | 241.4 | 251.3 |
| Crops and horticulture | \$m | 52.2 | 65.4 |
| Total agriculture (gross value) | \$m | 293.6 | 316.7 |
| Fishing (estimated value of catch) | | 2003-04 | 2004-05 |
| Prawns | \$m | 71.0 | 63.9 |
| Total of all species | \$m | 130.4 | 119.4 |

MINERALS, OIL AND GAS

| | | 2003-04 | 2004-05 |
|---|-----|---------|---------|
| Persons employed at end of June | no. | 1 861 | 1 732 |
| Wages and salaries | \$m | 175 | 180 |
| Value of production | \$m | 1 962 | 2 783 |
| Mineral exploration expenditure | | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
| Total mineral exploration (other than petroleum) | \$m | 55.6 | 74.7 |
| Gold | \$m | 26.7 | 22.4 |
| Uranium | \$m | 6.9 | 19.1 |
| Diamonds | \$m | 5.2 | 6.8 |
| Petroleum exploration | \$m | 99.2 | 299.2 |

TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

| Hotels, motels guest houses & serviced apartments (15 or more rooms) | | Sep qtr 2005 | Sep qtr 2006 |
|---|-----|-----------------|-----------------|
| Establishments | no. | 95 | 94 |
| Persons employed | no. | 3 072 | 3 479 |
| Takings from accommodation | \$m | 60.9 | 68.6 |
| Room occupancy rate | % | 75.9 | 75.9 |

TRANSPORT

| | | 2005 | 2006 |
|---|-----|---------|---------|
| Sales of new motor vehicles | no. | 9 533 | 9 257 |
| Motor vehicles on register (excluding motorcycles) | no. | 106 423 | 110 065 |
| Motorcycles on register | no. | 3 396 | 3 950 |

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SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED

| | | | |
|-----------------|---------------------|------|--------------------|
| °C | - degrees Celsius | p | - preliminary data |
| g | - gram | r | - revised data |
| kg | - kilogram | qtr | - quarter |
| km ² | - square kilometres | % | - per cent |
| ml | - millilitre | '000 | - thousands |
| mm | - millimetre | \$ | - dollars |
| no. | - number | \$m | - millions dollar |



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