

# POPULATION

**NORTHERN  
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## NOTES

### 1996 CENSUS ESTIMATES

This publication contains preliminary estimates of resident population for Statistical Local Areas (SLAs) within the Northern Territory at 30 June 1997, and final estimated resident population for 30 June 1996, based on results of the 1996 Census of Population and Housing. Previously published estimates and their components dating back to 30 September 1991 have been revised to take account of this new information.

The estimated resident population at the Census date is derived by adjusting the Census count of Australian usual residents for undercount, as determined by the Post Enumeration Survey and demographic methods, and adding the number of Australian residents estimated to have been temporarily overseas at the time of the Census. Further adjustments are made for births, deaths and net migration in the period 1 July to 6 August 1996 to bring the estimates to 30 June 1996. Further information is contained in the Explanatory Notes.

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### SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

ASGC	Australian Standard Geographic Classification
SD	Statistical Division
SSD	Statistical Subdivision
SLA	Statistical Local Area
(CGC)	Community Government Council
(S)	Shire
(T)	Town

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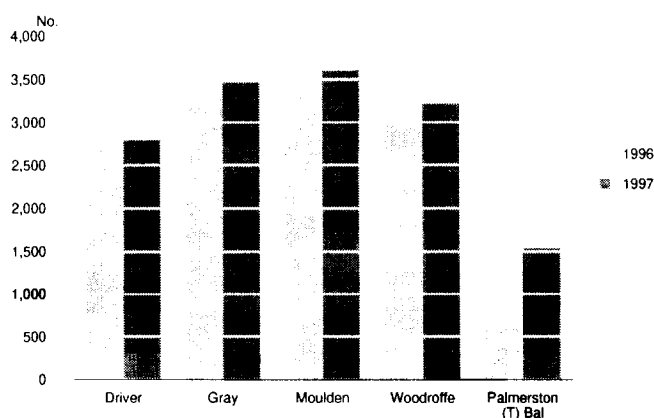
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## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

This publication provides resident population estimates for Statistical Local Areas (SLAs) within the Northern Territory at 30 June 1996 (final) and 30 June 1997 (preliminary). The preliminary estimates of the resident population at 30 June 1997 are based on the 1996 Census of Population and Housing.

- The population of the Northern Territory at 30 June 1997 was 187,132. This is an increase of 5,289 (2.9%) since 30 June 1996.
- The population of Darwin City Statistical Subdivision (SSD) increased marginally from 68,889 in 1996 to 69,415 in 1997 (0.8%). The largest percentage increase was in Coconut Grove SLA which grew from 1,970 to 2,107 (7.0%). About one third of SLAs in Darwin City SSD experienced negative growth in 1996–97.
- The SLA of Palmerston (T) Balance (which includes Bakewell, Roseberry, Marlow Lagoon and Durack) grew from 589 to 1,535 between 1996–97 (160.6%). The second highest population increase in the Palmerston area was Woodroffe SLA which grew from 2,970 to 3,220 (8.4%). Overall the Palmerston–East Arm SSD recorded a growth rate of 11.3% between 1996–97.

### POPULATION OF SLAs IN THE PALMERSTON AREA



- The SLAs comprising the Palmerston area have grown substantially from 1991 to 1997, with the new suburbs in Palmerston (T) Balance growing the fastest from 161 in June 1991 to 1,535 in June 1997 (853.4%). Woodroffe SLA recorded the second highest growth in the Palmerston area, increasing from 1,058 in 1991 to 3,220 in 1997 (204.3%).
- The total population for Alice Springs (T) (Charles, Heavitree, Larapinta, Ross and Stuart) increased from 25,040 in June 1996 to 25,713 in June 1997 (2.7%). Alice Springs (T)–Heavitree SLA had the largest percentage increase of 5.4%.
- The township of Tennant Creek experienced a growth in population for the first time in over 10 years between 1995–96 and this trend continued for the period 1996–97, with the population increasing from 3,670 to 3,832 (4.4%).
- In 1997, Wagaman SLA had the highest population density in the Northern Territory with 2,893 people per square kilometre, followed by Karama SLA with 2,604 and Nightcliff SLA with 2,500.

# 1 POPULATION — Statistical Local Areas

Statistical Local Area	At 30 June 1996	At 30 June 1997(a)	Annual change	% change
<b>DARWIN STATISTICAL DIVISION</b>				
Darwin City SSD				
Alawa	2 340	2 328	-12	-0.5
Anula	2 838	2 823	-15	-0.5
Brinkin	1 177	1 206	29	2.5
City – Inner	1 823	1 872	49	2.7
Coconut Grove	1 970	2 107	137	7.0
Fannie Bay	2 747	2 787	40	1.5
Jingili	2 088	2 076	-12	-0.6
Karama	5 379	5 378	-1	0.0
Larrakeyah	2 792	2 874	82	2.9
Leanyer	5 196	5 214	18	0.4
Lee Point–Leanyer Swamp	128	125	-3	-2.3
Ludmilla	1 913	1 930	17	0.9
Malak	3 668	3 664	-4	-0.1
Marrara	1 799	1 820	21	1.2
Millner	2 719	2 733	14	0.5
Moil	2 300	2 287	-13	-0.6
Nakara	2 222	2 212	-10	-0.5
Narrows	543	545	2	0.4
Nightcliff	3 828	3 858	30	0.8
Parap	1 570	1 593	23	1.5
Rapid Creek	3 068	3 106	38	1.2
Stuart Park	2 760	2 840	80	2.9
The Gardens	606	624	18	3.0
Tiwi	2 699	2 701	2	0.1
Wagaman	2 427	2 423	-4	-0.2
Wanguri	2 075	2 063	-12	-0.6
Winnellie	586	604	18	3.1
Wulagi	2 803	2 777	-26	-0.9
City – Remainder	2 825	2 845	20	0.7
<i>Total Darwin City SSD</i>	<i>68 889</i>	<i>69 415</i>	<i>526</i>	<i>0.8</i>
Palmerston–East Arm SSD				
East Arm	227	231	4	1.8
Driver	2 692	2 794	102	3.8
Gray	3 331	3 463	132	4.0
Moulden	3 534	3 606	72	2.0
Woodroffe	2 970	3 220	250	8.4
Palmerston (T) – Balance (b)	589	1 535	946	160.6
<i>Total Palmerston–East Arm SSD</i>	<i>13 343</i>	<i>14 849</i>	<i>1 506</i>	<i>11.3</i>
<b>Total Darwin Statistical Division</b>	<b>82 232</b>	<b>84 264</b>	<b>2 032</b>	<b>2.5</b>
<b>NT BALANCE STATISTICAL DIVISION</b>				
Darwin Rural Areas SSD				
Coomalie (CGC)	1 173	1 219	46	3.9
Cox–Finniss	665	726	61	9.2
Litchfield (S) – Part A	1 164	1 211	47	4.0
Litchfield (S) – Part B	12 433	12 991	558	4.5
<i>Total Darwin Rural Areas SSD</i>	<i>15 435</i>	<i>16 147</i>	<i>712</i>	<i>4.6</i>
Bathurst–Melville SSD				
Bathurst–Melville	2 143	2 221	78	3.6
<i>Total Bathurst–Melville SSD</i>	<i>2 143</i>	<i>2 221</i>	<i>78</i>	<i>3.6</i>
Alligator SSD				
Jabiru (T)	1 457	1 478	21	1.4
South Alligator	738	771	33	4.5
West Arnhem	4 073	4 257	184	4.5
<i>Total Alligator SSD</i>	<i>6 268</i>	<i>6 506</i>	<i>238</i>	<i>3.8</i>
Daly SSD				
Daly	3 541	3 618	77	2.2
<i>Total Daly SSD</i>	<i>3 541</i>	<i>3 618</i>	<i>77</i>	<i>2.2</i>

# 1 POPULATION — Statistical Local Areas *continued*

<i>Statistical Local Area</i>	<i>At 30 June 1996</i>	<i>At 30 June 1997(a)</i>	<i>Annual change</i>	<i>% change</i>
<b>East Arnhem SSD</b>				
East Arnhem – Balance	6 261	6 502	241	3.9
Groote Eylandt	2 701	2 748	47	1.7
Nhulunbuy	3 759	3 784	25	0.7
<i>Total East Arnhem SSD</i>	<i>12 721</i>	<i>13 034</i>	<i>313</i>	<i>2.5</i>
<b>Lower Top End NT SSD</b>				
Elsley – Balance	2 121	2 184	63	3.0
Gulf	2 690	2 886	196	7.3
Katherine (T)	9 443	9 752	309	3.3
Victoria	2 424	2 668	244	10.1
<i>Total Lower Top End NT SSD</i>	<i>16 678</i>	<i>17 490</i>	<i>812</i>	<i>4.9</i>
<b>Barkly SSD</b>				
Tableland	1 064	1 074	10	0.9
Tennant Creek (T)	3 670	3 832	162	4.4
Tennant Creek – Balance	1 820	1 861	41	2.3
<i>Total Barkly SSD</i>	<i>6 554</i>	<i>6 767</i>	<i>213</i>	<i>3.2</i>
<b>Central NT SSD</b>				
Alice Springs (T) – Charles	5 042	5 180	138	2.7
Alice Springs (T) – Heavitree	2 120	2 234	114	5.4
Alice Springs (T) – Larapinta	8 929	9 116	187	2.1
Alice Springs (T) – Ross	7 017	7 215	198	2.8
Alice Springs (T) – Stuart	1 932	1 968	36	1.9
<i>Alice Springs (T) – Total</i>	<i>25 040</i>	<i>25 713</i>	<i>673</i>	<i>2.7</i>
Petermann	2 397	2 425	28	1.2
Sandover – Balance	2 339	2 378	39	1.7
Tanami	6 495	6 569	74	1.1
<i>Total Central NT SSD</i>	<i>36 271</i>	<i>37 085</i>	<i>814</i>	<i>2.2</i>
<b>Total NT Balance Statistical Division</b>	<b>99 611</b>	<b>102 868</b>	<b>3 257</b>	<b>3.3</b>
<b>TOTAL NORTHERN TERRITORY</b>	<b>181 843</b>	<b>187 132</b>	<b>5 289</b>	<b>2.9</b>

(a) Preliminary data

(b) Data from the Palmerston Town Council show that the population of the new suburbs in Palmerston (T) Balance at 31 July 1997 was as follows: Bakewell — 515; Durack — 350; Marlow Lagoon — 296; and Roseberry — 303. These suburbs are not yet officially recognised as SLAs by the ABS; they will be formed as SLAs in 2001. Note that these suburbs do not make up the total Palmerston (T) Balance SLA.

# EXPLANATORY NOTES

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## INTRODUCTION

- 1** This publication contains estimates of the resident population for Statistical Local Areas (SLAs) in the Northern Territory at 30 June 1996 (final) and 30 June 1997 (preliminary).
- 2** The estimated resident population (ERP) is the official ABS estimate of the Australian population. The ERP for 30 June 1996 is based on results of the Census of Population and Housing held on 6 August 1996, and numbers of births, deaths, and estimates of interstate and overseas migration in 1995-96.
- 3** ERP is compiled according to the place of usual residence of the population. An explanation of the conceptual basis used is given in the *ABS Information Paper: Demographic Estimates - Concepts, Sources and Methods* (Cat. no. 3228.0).
- 4** Commencing with ERP figures based on the 1996 Census, the ABS has decided to cease publishing the ERP for Off Shore and Migratory SLAs and to redistribute that population across the other SLAs in that State or Territory.

## METHODOLOGY FOR DERIVING POPULATION ESTIMATES

- 5** The figures at the Census date were arrived at by —
  - adjusting the Census counts (place of enumeration basis) to obtain counts on the basis of usual residence (Census count, place of usual residence)
  - adjusting the Census counts, place of usual residence, for Census under-enumeration
  - adding to the adjusted Census counts, place of usual residence, the number of Northern Territory residents temporarily overseas at the time of the Census.
- 6** A survey is conducted after the Census to measure under-enumeration during the Census. Adjustments are calculated separately for the Indigenous and non-Indigenous components of the population. These adjustments are calculated from the result of the under-enumeration survey and other demographic measures. A more detailed explanation is available on request.
- 7** The methods described above are used to derive the Northern Territory population figures for 6 August 1996. The figures for 30 June 1996 were derived by estimating the components of change between 1 July and 6 August and subtracting them from 6 August figures. See the *Australian Demographic Quarterly Statistics* (Cat. no. 3101.0), March quarter 1997, for the data associated with the State and Territory adjustments.
- 8** The "components of change" for estimating growth between 30 June for any two periods for State/Territory ERP include numbers of births and deaths, estimates of interstate migration (derived from Medicare data) and numbers of overseas migrants.

## DERIVING ESTIMATES AT SLA LEVEL

- 9** Estimates at SLA level detailed in this issue were derived from a model which apports the total Northern Territory ERP for 1996 and 1997 according to changes in the Family Allowance (Department of Social Security) and ABS building survey data.

## GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES

- 10** The geographic boundaries for small area data used in this publication are defined in the *Statistical Geography: Volume 1 Australian Standard Geographic Classification (ASGC), Edition 5* (Cat. no. 1216.0).
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## EXPLANATORY NOTES continued

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