



2005 NORTHERN TERRITORY AT A GLANCE

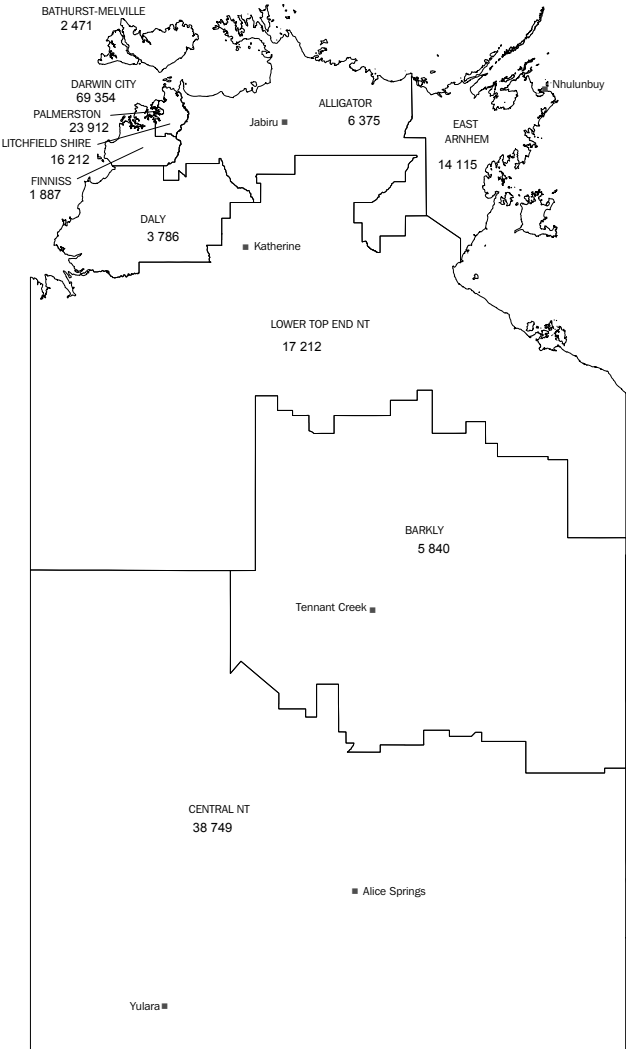


Northern Territory (NT) comprises a land area of 1,346,200 km². It is the third largest of the states and territories after Western Australia and Queensland, yet has the smallest population and lowest population density.

Darwin City has an estimated population of 69,354. 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.

A \$750m underwater gas pipeline is being built from the Bayu-Undan field in the Timor Sea to Wickham Pt near Darwin. Projects such as this, which exploit the rich oil and gas reserves in the region, will bring substantial economic benefits to the NT.

NORTHERN TERRITORY



June 2004 Estimated Resident Population (p) for Statistical Subdivisions

CLIMATE

		Darwin	Alice Springs
Mean annual rainfall	mm	1 706	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)		2003r	2004p
Darwin City	no.	68 590	69 354
Palmerston	no.	23 544	23 912
Litchfield Shire	no.	15 905	16 212
Katherine	no.	8 624	8 437
Tennant Creek	no.	2 986	2 946
Alice Springs	no.	26 257	26 058
Northern Territory	no.	198 544	199 913
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		2002	2003
Births	no.	3 724	3 790
Rate per 1,000 population		18.8	19.1
Deaths	no.	911	875
Rate per 1,000 population		4.6	4.4
Marriages	no.	747	723
Rate per 1,000 population		3.8	3.6
Divorces granted	no.	516	490
Rate per 1,000 population		2.6	2.5

CONSTRUCTION

Building approvals		2002-03	2003-04
Total new houses	no.	514	545
Total new other residential building	no.	428	593
Total residential building	\$m	193.7	260.2
Total non-residential building	\$m	151.1	169.5
Total building	\$m	344.9	429.5
Building completions			
Total new houses	no.	559	517
Total new other residential building	no.	459	369
Total residential building	\$m	210.8	208.2
Total non-residential building	\$m	131.2	216.8
Total building	\$m	342.0	425.0

EDUCATION

		2003	2004
Primary and secondary schools	no.	178	180
Teaching staff (full-time equivalent)	no.	2 821	2 936
Full-time students	no.	37 003	37 030

LABOUR

Labour Force (trend estimate)

		Jan 2004	Jan 2005
Employed persons	no.	97 600	95 200
Unemployed persons	no.	4 800	6 300
Unemployment rate	%	4.7	6.2
Participation rate	%	71.5	69.9
Labour force	no.	102 400	101 500
Civilian population aged 15 years and over	no.	143 200	145 200

Average Weekly Earnings

		Nov 2003	Nov 2004
All males total earnings	\$	820.20	875.70
All females total earnings	\$	619.40	643.40
All employees total earnings	\$	720.10	755.00

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

		Nov qtr 2004
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	no.	2 847
Mining	no.	2 429
Manufacturing	no.	2 488
Electricity, gas and water supply	no.	1 563
Construction	no.	8 912
Wholesale trade	no.	3 184
Retail trade	no.	13 333
Accommodation, cafes & restaurants	no.	3 514
Transport and storage	no.	6 175
Communication services	no.	976
Finance and insurance	no.	1 065
Property and business services	no.	7 306
Government administration & defence	no.	13 021
Education	no.	8 678
Health and community services	no.	10 531
Cultural and recreational services	no.	4 057
Personal and other services	no.	4 661
Total	no.	94 740

OVERSEAS TRADE

Value of NT imports from

		2003	2004
Singapore	\$m	187.4	359.2
Japan	\$m	92.2	273.4
France	\$m	9.6	238.5
United States of America	\$m	52.8	179.5
Italy	\$m	5.3	126.1
Kuwait	\$m	118.3	106.0
Malaysia	\$m	6.3	28.2
Indonesia	\$m	11.3	21.1
<i>Total all countries</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>694.7</i>	<i>1 597.8</i>

Value of NT exports to

China	\$m	355.8	524.0
Singapore	\$m	544.5	308.8
Canada	\$m	148.5	184.6
Korea, Republic of	\$m	144.9	170.8
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	\$m	151.9	122.6
United States of America	\$m	155.7	122.1
Japan	\$m	116.8	106.1
Indonesia	\$m	145.3	101.6
<i>Total all countries</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>2 118.4</i>	<i>2 039.0</i>

INTERNET ACTIVITY

		Sep qtr 2003	Sep qtr 2004
ISPs	no.	18	13
Access lines	no.	9 340	11 633
All subscribers	no.	35 000	32 000
Data downloaded	million MBs	25	51

PRICES — DARWIN

		2002-03	2003-04
Consumer Price Index (Base: 1989-90 = 100.0)		136.8	138.7
Established House Price Index (Base: 1989-90 = 100.0)		218.2	245.3
Average Retail Prices — Darwin (cents)		Dec qtr 2003	Dec qtr 2004
Bread, white loaf, sliced	650 g	277	294
Rump steak	1 kg	1 624	1 685
Potatoes	1 kg	244	228
Eggs — 1 dozen	700 g	417	411
Margarine, polyunsaturated	500 g	243	254
Coffee, instant	150 g jar	577	580
Draught beer, full strength, public bar	285 ml glass	269	285
Petrol, unleaded	1 litre	97.0	110.8

PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

Agriculture		2003	2004
All live cattle exports	'000	229.9	195.4
All live cattle exports	\$m	131.8	115.8
Meat exports	\$m	1.5	1.2
Fruit & nut exports	\$m	1.2	0.8
Vegetable exports	\$'000	164.2	473.0
		2001-02	2002-03
Total livestock slaughterings, disposals and products	\$m	250.3	238.5
Crops and horticulture	\$m	70.2	52.3
Total agriculture (gross value)	\$m	320.6	290.7
Fishing (estimated value of catch)		2001-02	2002-03
Prawns	\$m	80.5	60.8
Total of all species	\$m	117.1	94.2

MINERALS, OIL AND GAS

		2001-02	2002-03
Wages and salaries	\$m	169.5	94.6
Value of production	\$m	2 687.9	2 328.3
Mineral exploration expenditure		2002-03	2003-04
Total mineral exploration (other than petroleum)	\$m	49.0	42.5
Petroleum exploration	\$m	np	33.8

TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

		Sep qtr 2003	Sep qtr 2004
Guest arrivals			
Licensed hotels with facilities	no.	105 100	133 500
Motels & guest houses	no.	190 500	192 200
Serviced apartments	no.	70 500	93 000
Takings from accommodation			
Licensed hotels with facilities	\$m	19.3	20.7
Motels & guest houses	\$m	19.8	21.2
Serviced apartments	\$m	12.4	15.8

TRANSPORT

		2003	2004
Sales of new motor vehicles	no.	7 881	8 896
Motor vehicles on register (excl. motorcycles)	no.	101 015	102 787
Motorcycles on register	no.	3 244	3 229

SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED

°C	— degrees Celsius	np	— not published
g	— gram	p	— preliminary
ISP	— Internet Service Provider	r	— revised
kg	— kilogram	qtr	— quarter
km ²	— square kilometre	%	— per cent
mm	— millimetre	'000	— thousands
mL	— millilitre	\$	— dollars
MBs	— megabytes	\$m	— millions dollars
no.	— number		

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