



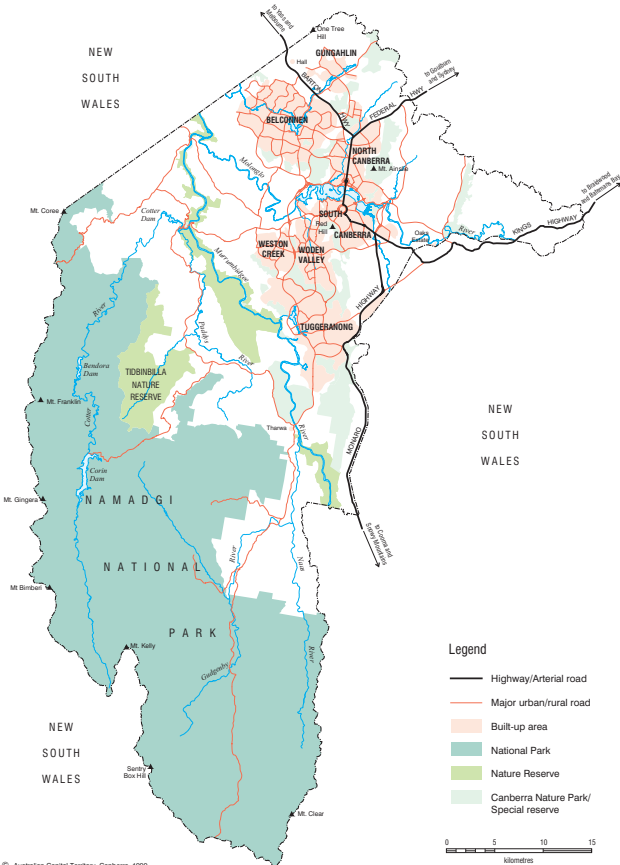
# **2000 AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY AT A GLANCE**



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



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## CLIMATE OF THE ACT

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

The weather in the ACT in 1999 was wetter and warmer than the average. The weather pattern reflected the fact that a La Nina episode was in operation for most of the year.

	During 1999	Annual average
Annual rainfall	711.2 mm	629.5 mm
Days of rain	106	106
Thunderstorms	30	23
Average daily temperature	13.2°C	12.9°C
Days temperature exceeded 30°C	25	30
Days of frost	96	99
Days of fog	46	45
Hours of sunshine per day	7.4	7.6
Extremes	During 1999	Long term
Air temperature—hottest	37.5°C (6,18 Jan)	42.2°C (1.2.68)
—coldest	-6.2°C (3 Aug)	-10.0°C(11.7.71)
Rainfall—highest month	139.0 mm (Dec)	312.0 mm (Mar 1850)
—lowest month	10.0 mm (Feb)	0.0 mm (multiple)
Wind—highest gust	80 km/h (16 Sep)	128 km/h (24.11.57)

## ACT IN COMPARISON TO AUSTRALIA

	Unit	Period	ACT	Australia
Area	'000 sq km	Jun 1999	2.4	7 682.3
<b>Demography</b>				
Estimated resident population	'000	Jun 99	310.2	18 966.8
Annual population growth rate	%	1998-99	0.7	1.3
Permanent settlers	no.	1998-99	763	84 143
<b>Rates per 1000 mean population</b>				
Births	no.	1998	12.9	13.3
Deaths	no.	1998	4.1	6.8
Marriages	no.	1998	5.5	5.9
Divorces	no.	1998	(a)n.p.	2.7
<b>Economy</b>				
Gross State Product				
Current prices	\$m	1998-99	12 040	593 311
Chain volume measures	\$m	1998-99	11 822	591 546
Growth rate (chain volume measure)	%	1998-99	2.6	4.5
Final Consumption Expenditure				
General government	\$m	1998-99	10 524	107 946
Household	\$m	1998-99	6 434	350 491
Consumer Price Index	% change	1998-99	0.9	1.2
<b>Labour force (annual average)</b>				
Labour force	'000	1998-99	167.0	9 399
Employed persons	'000	1998-99	156.6	8 681
Unemployed persons	'000	1998-99	10.4	718
Unemployment rate	%	1998-99	6.3	7.6
Participation rate	%	1998-99	70.9	63.2
<b>Average weekly earnings</b>				
All males—total earnings	\$	Aug Qtr 99	808.0	734.0
All females—total earnings	\$	Aug Qtr 99	574.0	482.0
<b>Transport</b>				
New motor vehicle registrations(b)	no.	1998-99	14 939	797 066
Road fatalities	no.	1999	19	1 759

(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.

(b) Excludes motorcycles.

## AGRICULTURE

	Unit	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
Number of establishments	no.	103	103	105
Area of crops	ha	—	250	—
Total area of establishments	ha	50 000	49 000	50 000
<b>Livestock</b>				
Cattle and calves	no.	14 000	13 000	10 000
Sheep and lambs	no.	73 000	84 000	76 000
Poultry	no.	211 000	197 000	122 000
<b>Gross value of production</b>				
Crops (incl. pasture and grasses)	\$'000	5 500	2 800	2 400
Livestock slaughterings	\$'000	2 300	1 900	—
Livestock products (incl. wool and milk)	\$'000	6 900	6 500	10 000

## BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION

		1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
<b>Construction activity—commenced</b>				
Residential building	\$m	257.9	196.9	308.3
Non-residential building	\$m	379.9	341.0	315.2
Engineering construction	\$m	121.3	147.8	268.3
Total	\$m	759.1	685.7	891.8
<b>New residential building approvals</b>				
Houses	no.	1 224	1 101	1 297
Other residential	no.	727	293	644
Total	no.	1 951	1 394	1 941
<b>Moving annual median house prices (at Dec qtr)</b>				
		<b>1997</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>
Established house	\$'000	152.8	155.5	161.5
Established unit/townhouse	\$'000	122.3	128.5	131.1

## CRIME

		1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
<b>Offences reported or becoming known to police</b>				
Offences against the person	no.	2 368	2 301	2 344
Robbery and extortion	no.	221	234	304
Burglary, fraud and theft	no.	23 873	24 278	27 731
Property damage	no.	7 880	7 991	8 467
Offences against good order	no.	4 653	3 981	3 076
All other offences	no.	3 016	2 345	2 581
Total	no.	42 011	41 130	44 503

## DEMOGRAPHY

		1994	1998	1999
Estimated resident population at 30 June	'000	301.5	308.1	310.2
<b>Statistical subdivision at 30 June</b>				
North Canberra	'000	39.3	34.9	38.7
Belconnen	'000	86.0	84.4	84.3
Woden Valley	'000	33.1	32.5	32.4
Weston Creek–Stromlo	'000	25.6	24.2	24.1
Tuggeranong	'000	87.7	89.3	89.5
South Canberra	'000	22.5	22.8	23.0
Gungahlin–Hall	'000	6.9	16.1	17.9
Remainder of ACT	'000	0.4	0.3	0.3
<b>Vital events registered</b>				
		<b>1996</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1998</b>
Births	no.	4 396	4 208	3 982
Deaths	no.	1 300	1 334	1 272
Marriages	no.	1 654	1 873	1 692
Divorces(a)	no.	1 610	1 528	1 521
<b>Rates per 1000 mean population</b>				
Births	no.	14.3	13.6	12.9
Deaths	no.	4.2	4.3	4.1
Marriages	no.	5.4	6.1	5.5
Divorces(b)	no.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.

(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.

(b) Includes some divorces granted to persons who usually reside outside the ACT.

## EDUCATION

<b>Institutions</b>		<b>1997</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>
Pre-schools	no.	86	85	85
Government schools	no.	98	96	96
Non-government schools	no.	42	40	42
Higher education	no.	4	4	4
Vocational Education and Training Institution	no.	3	3	3
<b>Students</b>				
Preschools	no.	4 122	4 110	4 045
Government primary and secondary	no.	40 031	39 008	38 730
Non-government primary and secondary	no.	21 708	21 676	21 704
Higher education	no.	20 668	19 941	20 531
Vocational Education and Training Institution	no.	18 700	18 500	n.a.

## GOVERNMENT FINANCE

		<b>1997-98</b>	<b>1998-99</b>	<b>1999-00</b>
<b>Revenue</b>				
Taxation	\$m	n.a.	626	630
Current grants and subsidies	\$m	n.a.	573	647
Other	\$m	n.a.	179	222
<b>Expenses</b>				
Operating	\$m	n.a.	1 434	1 443
Other	\$m	n.a.	480	491
<b>Net operating balance</b>	\$m	n.a.	-131	-45

## INTERNATIONAL TRADE

		<b>1996-97</b>	<b>1997-98</b>	<b>1998-99</b>
Imports of goods	\$'000	11 958	10 355	12 280
Exports of goods	\$'000	8 954	12 618	21 436
Services debits	\$m	n.a.	n.a.	723
Services credits	\$m	n.a.	n.a.	519

## LABOUR FORCE (annual average)

		<b>1996-97</b>	<b>1997-98</b>	<b>1998-99</b>
Labour force (original)				
Employed persons	'000	152.8	153.9	156.6
Males	'000	79.9	80.7	81.7
Females	'000	72.9	73.2	74.9
Unemployed persons	'000	13.2	12.5	10.4
Males	'000	7.3	7.1	6.2
Females	'000	5.9	5.4	4.3
Unemployment rate	%	7.9	7.5	6.3
Males	%	8.4	8.1	7.0
Females	%	7.4	6.9	5.4
Participation rate	%	71.4	71.4	70.9
Males	%	78.2	78.1	77.2
Females	%	65.2	65.1	65.1
<b>Employment by industry (annual average)</b>		<b>1996-97</b>	<b>1997-98</b>	<b>1998-99</b>
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	'000	0.5	0.8	1.1
Mining	'000	0.1	0.1	0.1
Manufacturing	'000	5.0	4.5	3.2
Electricity, gas and water supply	'000	0.6	0.6	0.9
Construction	'000	10.3	8.5	7.1
Wholesale trade	'000	3.8	4.8	4.0
Retail trade	'000	20.0	21.6	22.0
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	'000	7.2	8.1	7.7
Transport and storage	'000	4.1	4.7	4.4
Communication services	'000	1.9	3.0	2.4
Finance and insurance	'000	2.9	3.5	3.1
Property and business services	'000	19.2	20.6	21.8
Government administration and defence	'000	39.6	35.3	39.9

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**Employment by industry (annual average)—continued**

		1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Education	\$'000	13.2	12.6	14.8
Health and community services	\$'000	12.5	12.0	11.5
Cultural and recreational services	'000	5.4	6.6	6.6
Personal and other services	'000	6.7	7.3	7.0
		<b>Aug 1997</b>	<b>Aug 1998</b>	<b>Aug 1999</b>
<b>Average weekly earnings—trend</b>				
Male employees	\$	779	834	808
Female employees	\$	580	613	574
All employees	\$	680	727	686
		<b>1997</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>
<b>Industrial disputes</b>				
Working days lost	'000	2.1	5.1	4.3
Working days lost per 1000 employees	no.	15	36	30

**MANUFACTURING**

		1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Persons employed	\$'000	4.0	3.9	3.5
Wages and salaries paid	\$m	124	120	117
Turnover	\$m	602	594	603

**MEDICARE SERVICES**

		1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
<b>Average number of services</b>				
Males	no.	7.0	7.1	7.1
Females	no.	10.8	10.8	11.0
Persons	no.	8.9	8.9	9.0
Males 75+	no.	21.3	19.6	18.1
Females 75+	no.	23.3	22.9	22.4

**PRICES**

<b>Consumer price index (Canberra)—percentage change</b>		1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
All groups	%	0.7	-0.7	0.9
Food	%	2.5	3.2	2.8
Tobacco and alcohol	%	2.8	1.7	2.2
Clothing	%	-0.2	0.1	0.6
Housing	%	-5.8	-10.6	-0.2
Household equipment and operation	%	1.6	0.4	1.1
Transport	%	2.0	-0.8	-1.6
Health and personal care	%	5.2	3.6	-0.3
Recreation and education	%	1.6	2.6	2.3
		<b>Jun 97</b>	<b>Jun 98</b>	<b>Jun 99</b>
<b>Average retail prices (cents)</b>				
Milk, carton, supermarket sales	1 litre	112	115	115
Bread, white loaf, supermarket sales	750g	193	201	212
Rump steak	1 kg	1 043	1 124	1 214
Coffee	150g jar	638	649	520
Beer, full strength, public bar	285ml glass	175	178	180
Petrol, unleaded	1 litre	77.4	73.8	72.3

**PRIVATE FINANCE**

		1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Bank deposits at 30 June	\$m	5 120	5 346	5 292
<b>Lending commitments</b>				
Housing finance for owner occupation	\$m	982	929	1 122.0
Personal	\$m	697.3	730.5	892.7
Commercial	\$m	1 235.3	1 314.7	1 139.7
Lease	\$m	88.7	151.8	180.8

## RETAIL TRADE

<b>Turnover</b>		<b>1996-97</b>	<b>1997-98</b>	<b>1998-99</b>
Food retailing	\$m	930.5	945.4	960.8
Department stores	\$m	281.2	289.3	295.1
Clothing and soft good retailing	\$m	183.9	171.9	182.2
Household goods retailing	\$m	272.7	307.1	322.6
Recreational good retailing	\$m	128.9	137.4	162.9
Other retailing	\$m	197.0	235.3	246.5
Hospitality and service industries	\$m	352.7	375.7	405.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$m</b>	<b>2 346.8</b>	<b>2 462.0</b>	<b>2 575.1</b>

## STATE ACCOUNTS

<b>Gross State Product</b>		<b>1996-97</b>	<b>1997-98</b>	<b>1998-99</b>
At current prices	\$m	10 876	11 527	12 040
Chain volume measures	\$m	10 874	11 527	11 822

## TOURISM

<b>Hotels, motels and guest houses (June Qtr)</b>		<b>1996-97</b>	<b>1997-98</b>	<b>1998-99</b>
Establishments	no.	49	49	55
Guest rooms	no.	4 168	4 118	4 686
Bed spaces	no.	12 625	12 698	14 174
Room occupancy rates	no.	55.2	59.1	60.9
Takings	no.	20 757	22 324	25 382

## TRANSPORT

<b>New motor vehicle registrations</b>		<b>1996-97</b>	<b>1997-98</b>	<b>1998-99</b>
Passenger vehicles	no.	10 375	15 403	13 741
Light commercial vehicles	no.	1 063	1 114	1 065
Trucks	no.	67	55	70
Total motor vehicles	no.	11 554	16 645	14 939
Motor cycles	no.	452	503	601

<b>Motor vehicles on register (at 31 October)</b>		<b>1996</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1998</b>
Passenger vehicles	'000	161.8	169.3	167.6
Light commercial vehicles	'000	17.2	17.6	17.1
Trucks	'000	2.8	2.7	2.8
Total motor vehicles	'000	183.5	188.8	188.9
Motor cycles	'000	5.4	6.0	5.8

## SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED

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