

# **Australian Housing Survey**

## **Northern Territory**

**1999**

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**TABLE 1. ALL HOUSEHOLDS: Tenure by Selected Household Characteristics, Northern Territory#**

Selected characteristics	Owner		Renter			Total(b)
	Without a mortgage	With a mortgage	State housing authority	Private landlord	Total renters(a)	
	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>Household composition</b>						
One family						
Couple only	*31.0	*21.9	**7.8	*24.9	21.6	23.1
Couple with dependent children only	*30.0	41.9	**8.3	*17.3	24.7	30.5
Other couple	n.p.	*14.8	n.p.	n.p.	*4.8	*7.9
One parent with dependent children	n.p.	n.p.	*26.7	**4.6	*9.7	*6.4
Lone person	*22.3	*13.7	*37.1	*22.5	23.1	20.0
Group	—	—	—	*17.5	*7.5	*3.8
Other household	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	*11.2	*8.6	*8.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Age of reference person (years)</b>						
15 – 24	—	—	**12.4	**5.6	*9.2	*4.6
25 – 34	n.p.	*22.6	*23.6	50.9	38.3	27.7
35 – 44	*25.0	36.2	**5.8	*20.6	21.1	26.6
45 – 54	*37.9	35.5	**11.2	*18.9	*15.4	25.4
55 – 64	*15.6	**5.7	*18.9	*4.0	*8.5	*8.9
65 and over	*18.5	—	*28.1	—	*7.4	*6.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Labour force status of reference person</b>						
In the labour force						
Employed	71.9	96.7	*41.1	88.6	79.6	83.4
Unemployed	—	—	**14.0	n.p.	*4.5	*2.3
Not in the labour force	*28.1	n.p.	*45.0	*9.4	*15.9	14.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Gross weekly income quintile(c)</b>						
Lowest	**11.9	n.p.	*36.4	*17.0	*16.9	11.4
Second	**12.8	*9.9	*39.1	*7.4	*15.2	12.7
Third	*28.0	*14.2	**16.0	*19.8	19.8	19.5
Fourth	*14.4	*26.0	**8.5	*23.5	23.8	23.2
Highest	*32.9	47.5	—	*32.2	24.4	33.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Principal source of cash income</b>						
Wage or salary	67.8	79.8	*30.5	83.0	74.4	75.2
Own unincorporated business	n.p.	*16.2	n.p.	n.p.	**2.2	*6.8
Government pension or allowance	*14.1	n.p.	*63.8	*8.9	20.7	14.1
Other cash income	**12.7	n.p.	n.p.	—	n.p.	*3.1
<b>Total(d)</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Housing costs as a proportion of income</b>						
25% or less(e)	80.2	66.5	80.5	67.9	81.1	77.1
More than 25%	n.p.	*19.4	**15.2	*27.1	*15.6	14.5
More than 30%	n.p.	*15.2	**9.2	*18.4	*10.3	10.6
More than 40%	n.p.	*9.2	n.p.	*12.4	*6.4	*6.6
More than 50%	—	*4.3	n.p.	*10.1	*5.5	*4.3
<b>Total(f)</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Number of earners in household</b>						
None	*20.4	n.p.	*54.7	*10.7	19.0	14.2
One	*47.4	*23.1	*32.7	*20.7	30.1	30.9
Two	*29.7	60.0	**12.6	53.8	44.6	46.1
Three or more	n.p.	*13.6	—	*14.8	*6.3	*8.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Mean number of usual residents in household</b>	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
	2.5	3.3	2.4	2.4	2.7	2.8
<b>Mean number of bedrooms in dwelling</b>	2.9	2.9	2.3	2.5	2.5	2.7
<b>Estimated number of households</b>	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
	<b>8.6</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>26.7</b>	<b>53.0</b>

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(a) Includes households paying rent to: a parent or other relative in the same dwelling; the owner/manager of a caravan park; an employer (including a government authority); a housing co-operative, community or church group; or any other landlord not elsewhere classified.

(b) Includes households which are: living rent free; participants of a life tenure scheme; participants of a rent/buy (or shared equity) scheme; or any tenure not elsewhere classified.

(c) Australian quintile cut-offs were used to determine these categories. The ranges were: Less than or equal to \$307; \$308 - \$596; \$597 - \$965; \$966 - \$1,477; More than \$1,477 respectively.

(d) Includes households with nil or negative income.

(e) Includes nil and rounded to zero.

(f) Includes households with housing costs not known or with nil or negative income.

The data in Table 2 for the Northern Territory are subject to relative standard errors that warrant them too unreliable for dissemination.

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**TABLE 3. ALL HOUSEHOLDS: Tenure and Private Dwelling Structure - 1994 and 1999, Northern Territory**

Selected characteristics	1994		1999	
	'000	%	'000	%
<b>Tenure</b>				
Owner without a mortgage(a)	9.5	14.3	8.6	16.2
Owner with a mortgage(a)	19.5	29.4	15.6	29.4
Renter				
State housing authority	14.2	21.4	7.0	13.3
Private landlord	11.9	17.8	11.4	21.5
Total renters(b)	34.9	52.5	26.7	50.4
<b>Total(c)</b>	<b>66.5</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>53.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Private dwelling structure</b>				
Separate house	42.0	63.2	38.2	72.0
Semidetached	6.4	9.6	5.1	9.6
Flat	16.6	25.0	8.5	16.0
<b>Total(d)(e)</b>	<b>66.5</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>53.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

- (a) Note: Care should be taken when comparing the data for owners with and without a mortgage from the 1994 and 1999 surveys as the methodology for collecting these data differed between the two surveys. See paragraphs 7 and 8 in the Explanatory Notes of Australian Housing Survey: Characteristics, Costs and Conditions, 1999 (ABS Catalogue Number 4182.0).
- (b) Includes households paying rent to: a parent or other relative in the same dwelling; the owner/manager of a caravan park; an employer (including a government authority); a housing co-operative, community or church group; or any other landlord not elsewhere classified.
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- (d) Includes moveable dwellings; and improvised or makeshift dwellings.
- (e) The scope of the AHS differed between 1994 and 1999. In 1999, households in remote and sparsely settled areas were excluded from the sample. The exclusion of these households has only a minor impact on any aggregate estimates that are produced for individual States and Territories, with the exception of the Northern Territory where persons in such households account for over 20% of the population.



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**TABLE 6. ALL HOUSEHOLDS: Housing Utilisation by Household Composition, Private Dwelling Structure and Tenure,  
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Selected characteristics	1 or more bedrooms needed(a)	No extra bedrooms needed	1 bedroom spare	2 or more bedrooms spare	Total
	%	%	%	%	%
<b>Household composition</b>					
One family					
Couple only	n.p.	**4.6	*18.2	68.2	23.1
Couple with dependent children only	*30.5	44.9	28.9	*10.0	30.5
Other couple	n.p.	**4.9	*12.2	n.p.	*7.9
One parent with dependent children	n.p.	*10.5	**4.2	n.p.	*6.4
Lone person	n.p.	*16.8	29.1	*14.4	20.0
Group	—	*6.6	n.p.	—	*3.8
Other household	*39.6	*11.6	*3.3	—	*8.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Private dwelling structure</b>					
Separate house	*84.4	62.6	64.5	94.9	72.0
Semidetached	—	*10.8	*14.3	n.p.	9.6
Flat	n.p.	*23.3	*20.1	n.p.	16.0
<b>Total(b)</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Tenure</b>					
Owner without a mortgage	n.p.	*10.9	*17.8	*25.9	16.2
Owner with a mortgage	*43.9	*23.9	28.8	*33.7	29.4
Renter					
State housing authority	n.p.	*20.5	*11.9	n.p.	13.3
Private landlord	**21.7	*23.9	*23.2	*15.0	21.5
Total renters(c)	*49.7	58.9	51.1	*35.6	50.4
<b>Total(d)</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
<b>Household composition</b>					
One family					
Couple only	n.p.	**0.8	*3.4	7.8	12.2
Couple with dependent children only	*1.3	8.3	5.5	*1.1	16.2
Other couple	n.p.	**0.9	*2.3	n.p.	*4.2
One parent with dependent children	n.p.	*1.9	**0.8	n.p.	*3.4
Lone person	n.p.	*3.1	5.5	*1.7	10.6
Group	—	*1.2	n.p.	—	*2.0
Other household	*1.7	*2.1	*0.6	—	*4.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>*4.2</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>18.9</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>53.0</b>
<b>Private dwelling structure</b>					
Separate house	*3.6	11.6	12.2	10.9	38.2
Semidetached	—	*2.0	*2.7	n.p.	5.1
Flat	n.p.	*4.3	*3.8	n.p.	8.5
<b>Total(b)</b>	<b>*4.2</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>18.9</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>53.0</b>
<b>Tenure</b>					
Owner without a mortgage	n.p.	*2.0	*3.4	*3.0	8.6
Owner with a mortgage	*1.9	*4.4	5.4	*3.9	15.6
Renter					
State housing authority	n.p.	*3.8	*2.3	n.p.	7.0
Private landlord	**0.9	*4.4	*4.4	*1.7	11.4
Total renters(c)	*2.1	10.9	9.6	*4.1	26.7
<b>Total(d)</b>	<b>*4.2</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>18.9</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>53.0</b>

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(a) Data for lone person and couple only households appear in this column if their dwelling does not have any bedrooms (e.g. bedsits).

(b) Includes moveable dwellings; and improvised or makeshift dwellings.

(c) Includes households paying rent to: a parent or other relative in the same dwelling; the owner/manager of a caravan park; an employer (including a government authority); a housing co-operative, community or church group; or any other landlord not elsewhere classified.

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**TABLE 7. ALL HOUSEHOLDS: Private Dwelling Structure by Selected Characteristics, Northern Territory#**

Selected characteristics	Separate house '000	Semidetached '000	Flat '000	Total(a) '000
<b>Area</b>				
Major urban	—	—	—	—
Other urban	31.8	*4.2	8.5	44.9
Rural	6.3	**0.8	—	8.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>38.2</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>53.0</b>
<b>Tenure</b>				
Owner without a mortgage	7.3	**0.6	n.p.	8.6
Owner with a mortgage	14.1	n.p.	**0.6	15.6
Renter				
State housing authority	*3.1	*1.3	*2.6	7.0
Private landlord	5.6	*2.0	*3.6	11.4
Total renters(b)	15.5	*4.0	7.0	26.7
<b>Total(c)</b>	<b>38.2</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>53.0</b>
<b>Number of usual residents</b>				
One	*3.2	*2.1	*4.8	10.6
Two	10.1	*2.0	*2.8	15.4
Three	9.5	n.p.	n.p.	9.9
Four or more	15.4	**0.8	n.p.	17.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>38.2</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>53.0</b>
<b>Number of bedrooms</b>				
One	**0.6	n.p.	*2.2	*4.0
Two	*4.5	*3.4	5.4	13.5
Three	25.4	*1.2	n.p.	27.4
Four or more	7.5	—	—	7.7
<b>Total(d)</b>	<b>38.2</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>53.0</b>
<b>Number of rooms</b>				
1 – 5	16.3	4.9	8.5	30.8
6 – 10	21.7	n.p.	—	22.0
11 or more	n.p.	—	—	n.p.
<b>Total</b>	<b>38.2</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>53.0</b>
<b>Capacity of garage/carport</b>				
One car	10.2	*2.5	*2.1	14.8
Two	15.2	*1.3	**1.0	18.1
Three or more	*4.6	—	—	*4.8
No undercover parking	8.2	*1.3	5.3	15.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>38.2</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>53.0</b>
<b>Whether parking spaces adequate</b>				
Yes	31.9	*3.3	*4.9	41.1
No	5.1	*1.3	*1.7	8.2
No registered vehicles	*1.2	**0.6	*1.9	*3.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>38.2</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>53.0</b>

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(d) Includes dwellings with no bedrooms (e.g. bedsits).



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**TABLE 8. ALL HOUSEHOLDS: Private Dwelling Structure by Materials and Physical Condition, Northern Territory #**

Selected characteristics	Separate house '000	Semidetached '000	Flat '000	Total(a) '000
<b>Main material of roof</b>				
Tiles	5.7	*2.2	**0.9	8.8
Metal sheeting	31.0	*2.5	6.4	41.2
Slate	—	—	—	—
<b>Total (b)</b>	<b>38.2</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>53.0</b>
<b>Main material of outside walls</b>				
Double brick	18.3	*4.8	7.7	30.9
Brick veneer	*2.4	—	n.p.	*2.5
Fibro/asbestos cement	*4.2	—	n.p.	*4.3
Steel/aluminium	7.8	—	—	8.9
Concrete	*3.2	n.p.	n.p.	*4.0
Other material (c)	*2.0	—	—	*2.2
<b>Total(d)</b>	<b>38.2</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>53.0</b>
<b>Main material of frame</b>				
Timber/wood	5.6	—	—	6.0
Steel	9.7	n.p.	n.p.	11.2
No frame	19.9	4.9	7.7	32.6
Other material	*1.2	—	—	*1.2
<b>Total(d)</b>	<b>38.2</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>53.0</b>
<b>Major structural problems</b>				
Major cracks in walls/floors	*4.5	n.p.	**0.8	5.6
Sagging floors	**0.7	n.p.	—	*1.2
Walls/windows out of plumb	*3.0	n.p.	**0.8	*4.0
Wood rot/termite damage	*2.7	—	n.p.	*3.0
Major electrical problems	*1.3	—	n.p.	*1.5
Major plumbing problems	*2.7	—	n.p.	*3.0
Major roof defect	*1.4	—	n.p.	*1.9
Other problems (e)	*2.1	n.p.	**0.3	*2.7
Not known	—	n.p.	n.p.	**0.6
No major structural problems	28.8	*4.3	6.1	40.3
<b>Total(f)</b>	<b>38.2</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>53.0</b>
<b>Need for interior repairs</b>				
Essential and urgent need	**0.5	—	—	**0.5
Essential need	**1.0	n.p.	**0.9	*2.4
Moderate need	6.6	n.p.	**0.5	7.7
Desirable but low need	14.3	*2.1	*2.6	19.0
No need	15.7	*2.1	*4.5	23.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>38.2</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>53.0</b>
<b>Need for exterior repairs</b>				
Essential and urgent need	n.p.	—	—	n.p.
Essential need	*1.4	—	n.p.	*1.7
Moderate need	*2.8	n.p.	**0.8	*4.1
Desirable but low need	12.3	*1.8	*1.8	16.1
No need	21.5	*3.1	5.6	31.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>38.2</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>53.0</b>

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(b) Includes fibro/asbestos cement, other unspecified material, and not known.

(c) Includes stone, mud brick, timber and other unspecified material.

(d) Includes not known.

(e) Includes rising damp, sinking/moving foundations and other unspecified problems.

(f) Components do not add to total as more than one response allowed.

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**TABLE 9. ALL HOUSEHOLDS: Tenure by Amenities, Northern Territory#**

Amenities	Owner		Renter			All households(b)
	Without a mortgage	With a mortgage	State housing authority	Private landlord	Total renters(a)	
	%	%	%	%	%	
Working cooking facilities	97.7	100.0	100.0	98.9	99.5	99.4
Kitchen sink	100.0	98.5	96.3	93.6	96.3	97.7
Adequate kitchen cupboard/bench space	87.5	89.6	*67.5	89.6	78.7	83.5
Working refrigerator	100.0	100.0	100.0	98.9	99.5	99.8
Working washing machine	94.2	98.8	100.0	92.6	96.8	96.7
Working bath or shower connection	98.6	98.7	96.8	100.0	99.2	99.0
Laundry tub	94.2	98.3	96.8	94.3	95.8	96.5
<b>Total(c)</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
Working cooking facilities	8.4	15.6	7.0	11.3	26.6	52.7
Kitchen sink	8.6	15.3	6.8	10.7	25.7	51.8
Adequate kitchen cupboard/bench space	7.5	13.9	*4.8	10.2	21.0	44.3
Working refrigerator	8.6	15.6	7.0	11.3	26.6	52.9
Working washing machine	8.1	15.4	7.0	10.6	25.9	51.2
Working bath or shower connection	8.5	15.4	6.8	11.4	26.5	52.5
Laundry tub	8.1	15.3	6.8	10.8	25.6	51.1
<b>Total(c)</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>26.7</b>	<b>53.0</b>

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**TABLE 10. ALL HOUSEHOLDS: Tenure by Alterations/Additions and Repairs/Maintenance, Northern Territory#**

Selected characteristics	Owner		Renter		Total renters(a)	Total(b)
	Without a mortgage	With a mortgage	State housing authority	Private landlord		
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
<b>Private dwelling structure</b>						
Separate house	7.3	14.1	*3.1	5.6	15.5	38.2
Semidetached	**0.6	n.p.	*1.3	*2.0	*4.0	5.1
Flat	n.p.	**0.6	*2.6	*3.6	7.0	8.5
<b>Total(c)</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>26.7</b>	<b>53.0</b>
<b>Age of dwelling (years)</b>						
Less than 5	n.p.	*2.8	—	*1.8	*3.0	6.8
5 – 9	*1.3	*2.4	n.p.	*1.4	*2.1	5.8
10 – 14	**1.0	**0.9	*1.3	**1.0	*3.3	5.2
15 – 19	*3.5	*4.5	*1.2	*1.9	*4.6	13.1
20 – 49	*2.1	*4.5	*4.0	*4.2	12.1	19.5
50 or more	**0.5	n.p.	—	n.p.	n.p.	*1.4
<b>Total(d)</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>26.7</b>	<b>53.0</b>
<b>Types of alterations/additions in last 2 years</b>						
Kitchen	**0.9	*1.8	n.p.	**0.6	*1.4	*4.3
Bathroom	n.p.	**1.0	—	n.p.	n.p.	*1.7
Other internal	n.p.	*2.1	n.p.	*0.7	*1.2	*3.6
Security doors/screens etc	**0.8	*1.5	—	**1.0	*1.5	*3.8
Pergola/deck/verandah/patio	**0.8	**0.8	—	n.p.	n.p.	*2.0
Carport/garage	n.p.	**0.9	—	—	n.p.	*1.3
Other external(e)	**0.7	*2.5	n.p.	n.p.	**0.4	*3.8
No alterations/additions(f)	5.0	9.7	6.7	8.9	22.3	38.7
<b>Total(g)</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>26.7</b>	<b>53.0</b>
<b>Cost of alterations/additions in last 2 years(h)</b>						
Less than \$2,500	*1.3	**1.0	..	..	..	*2.5
\$2,500 – \$4,999	**1.0	**0.9	..	..	..	*1.8
\$5,000 – \$9,999	**0.6	n.p.	..	..	..	**0.8
\$10,000 – \$19,999	n.p.	*1.8	..	..	..	*2.4
\$20,000 or more	—	*2.0	..	..	..	*2.0
No alterations/additions(f)	5.0	9.7	6.7	8.9	22.3	38.7
<b>Total(i)</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>26.7</b>	<b>53.0</b>
<b>Type of repairs/maintenance in last 12 months</b>						
Painting	*3.1	5.3	*2.2	*2.9	6.9	15.8
Roof repair/maintenance	*1.2	*1.7	n.p.	n.p.	*2.6	5.5
Tile repair/replacement	**0.7	*1.5	**1.1	n.p.	*2.7	4.9
Electrical work	*1.8	*4.5	*2.0	*2.2	6.5	13.5
Plumbing	*2.1	*4.7	*3.0	*3.2	10.1	17.3
Other	n.p.	*2.3	**0.8	*1.7	*4.0	6.8
No repairs/maintenance(f)	*2.7	6.1	*1.6	5.0	8.8	18.4
<b>Total(g)</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>26.7</b>	<b>53.0</b>
<b>Amount spent on repairs/maintenance in last 12 mths</b>						
Less than \$250	*1.5	*2.3	**0.9	n.p.	**1.1	5.3
\$250 – \$499	**0.9	*1.2	n.p.	—	n.p.	*2.6
\$500 – \$999	*1.2	**0.7	—	—	—	*2.2
\$1,000 or more	*1.9	4.9	—	—	—	6.8
Did not pay for repairs/maintenance	—	—	*4.2	6.3	16.5	16.9
No repairs/maintenance(f)	*2.7	6.1	*1.6	5.0	8.8	18.4
<b>Total(i)</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>26.7</b>	<b>53.0</b>

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(c) Includes moveable dwellings; and improvised or makeshift dwellings.

(d) Includes age of dwelling not known.

(e) Includes extension, swimming pool and other external alterations/additions.

(f) Includes households which did not know whether alterations/additions or repairs/maintenance had been done.

(g) Components do not add to total as more than one response allowed.

(h) This item is not applicable to renter and rent free households.

(i) Includes amount not known.

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**TABLE 11. ALL HOUSEHOLDS: Materials and Physical Condition of Dwelling - 1994 and 1999, Northern Territory#**

Selected characteristics	1994		1999	
	'000	%	'000	%
<b>Main material of roof</b>				
Tiles	7.9	11.8	8.8	16.5
Metal sheeting	48.7	73.3	41.2	77.6
Slate	—	—	—	—
Fibro/asbestos cement	—	—	n.p.	n.p.
Other	5.9	8.8	1.6	2.9
Not known	4.0	6.1	1.1	2.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>66.5</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>53.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Main material of outside walls</b>				
Double brick	16.9	25.4	30.9	58.2
Brick veneer	*3.8	*5.7	2.5	4.7
Timber	**0.9	**1.4	n.p.	n.p.
Fibro/asbestos cement	4.1	6.2	4.3	8.1
Steel/aluminium	8.3	12.5	8.9	16.7
Concrete	20.5	30.9	4.0	7.6
Other	11.3	17.0	2.0	3.7
Not known	**0.6	**0.9	n.p.	n.p.
<b>Total</b>	<b>66.5</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>53.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>Main material of frame</b>				
Timber/wood	9.7	14.7	6.0	11.3
Steel	14.3	21.5	11.2	21.1
No frame	*3.9	*5.9	32.6	61.4
Other	32.3	48.5	1.2	2.2
Not known	6.3	9.4	2.1	3.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>66.5</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>53.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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**TABLE 12. ALL HOUSEHOLDS: Housing Costs as a Proportion of Income by Selected Characteristics, Northern Territory#**

Selected characteristics	Housing costs as a proportion of income				Total(b) '000
	25% or less(a) '000	More than 25% '000	More than 30% '000	More than 40% '000	
<b>ALL HOUSEHOLDS</b>					
<b>Household composition</b>					
One family					
Couple only	9.9	*1.8	*1.4	**0.9	12.2
Couple with dependent children only	12.6	*2.8	*1.9	**0.5	16.2
Other couple	*3.3	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	*4.2
One parent with dependent children	*2.3	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	*3.4
Lone person	6.6	*2.0	*1.7	*1.4	10.6
Group	*2.0	—	—	—	*2.0
Other household	*4.1	—	—	—	*4.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>40.9</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>*3.5</b>	<b>53.0</b>
<b>Number of earners in household</b>					
None	5.7	*1.4	*1.2	**1.1	7.5
One	11.0	*2.4	*1.7	*1.4	16.4
Two	19.5	*4.0	*2.7	**1.0	24.4
Three or more	*4.7	—	—	—	*4.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>40.9</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>*3.5</b>	<b>53.0</b>
<b>Principal source of cash income</b>					
Wage or salary	31.7	*4.7	*3.4	*2.0	39.9
Own unincorporated business	*2.3	*1.2	*0.9	n.p.	*3.6
Government pension or allowance	5.2	*1.8	*1.3	*1.2	7.5
Other cash income	*1.6	—	—	—	*1.6
<b>Total(c)</b>	<b>40.9</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>*3.5</b>	<b>53.0</b>
<b>Tenure</b>					
Owner without a mortgage	6.9	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	8.6
Owner with a mortgage	10.3	*3.0	*2.4	*1.4	15.6
Renter					
State housing authority	5.7	**1.1	**0.6	n.p.	7.0
Private landlord	7.8	*3.1	*2.1	*1.4	11.4
Total renters(d)	21.7	*4.2	*2.7	*1.7	26.7
<b>Total(e)</b>	<b>40.9</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>*3.5</b>	<b>53.0</b>
<b>LOWEST TWO GROSS WEEKLY INCOME QUINTILES(f)</b>					
<b>Household composition</b>					
One family					
Couple only	**1.0	**0.6	**0.6	**0.6	*1.8
Couple with dependent children only	n.p.	*1.4	*1.4	**0.5	*1.7
Other couple	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.
One parent with dependent children	*1.4	**0.6	n.p.	n.p.	*2.0
Lone person	*3.6	*1.5	*1.4	*1.3	6.2
Group	—	—	—	—	—
Other household	—	—	—	—	n.p.
<b>Total</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>*4.5</b>	<b>*4.0</b>	<b>*2.9</b>	<b>12.8</b>
<b>Number of earners in household</b>					
None	*4.4	*1.4	*1.2	**1.1	6.2
One	*2.1	*1.9	*1.5	*1.3	5.0
Two	n.p.	*1.2	*1.2	**0.6	*1.7
Three or more	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>*4.5</b>	<b>*4.0</b>	<b>*2.9</b>	<b>12.8</b>
<b>Principal source of cash income</b>					
Wage or salary	*1.2	*2.0	*2.0	*1.7	*3.8
Own unincorporated business	n.p.	**0.8	n.p.	—	*1.2
Government pension or allowance	*4.2	*1.8	*1.3	*1.2	6.5
Other cash income	**0.8	—	—	—	**0.8
<b>Total(c)</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>*4.5</b>	<b>*4.0</b>	<b>*2.9</b>	<b>12.8</b>
<b>Tenure</b>					
Owner without a mortgage	*1.6	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	*2.1
Owner with a mortgage	n.p.	*1.3	*1.3	**0.9	*1.9
Renter					
State housing authority	*3.9	**1.1	**0.6	n.p.	5.3
Private landlord	n.p.	*1.8	*1.7	*1.4	*2.8
Total renters(d)	*4.8	*2.9	*2.3	*1.7	8.6
<b>Total(e)</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>*4.5</b>	<b>*4.0</b>	<b>*2.9</b>	<b>12.8</b>

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(b) Includes households with housing costs not known or with nil or negative income. NOTE: These categories are cumulative and therefore add to more than 100%.

(c) Includes households with nil or negative income.

(d) Includes households paying rent to: a parent or other relative in the same dwelling; the owner/manager of a caravan park; an employer (including a government authority); a housing co-operative, community or church group; or any other landlord not elsewhere classified.

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(f) Australian quintile cut-offs were used to determine these categories. The lowest two ranges were: Less than or equal to \$307 and \$308 - \$596; respectively.

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**TABLE 13. ALL HOUSEHOLDS: Income and Housing Costs by Tenure by Gross Weekly Income Quintile, Northern Territory#**

Tenure	Gross weekly income quintile(a)					Total
	Lowest	Second	Third	Fourth	Highest	
MEAN WEEKLY HOUSING COSTS (\$)						
Owner without a mortgage	**20	**72	*44	**145	*78	74
Owner with a mortgage	n.p.	*293	*107	*219	293	252
Renter						
State housing authority	49	82	*127	*175	—	85
Private landlord	*133	*198	*189	*199	254	203
Total renters(b)	85	101	142	157	176	138
<b>Total(c)</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>161</b>
MEAN WEEKLY INCOME (\$)						
Owner without a mortgage	*191	*405	*804	*1,214	*2,307	1,233
Owner with a mortgage	n.p.	*493	*782	1,227	2,257	1,555
Renter						
State housing authority	211	446	*733	*1,049	—	458
Private landlord	*148	*461	*828	*1,195	2,485	1,306
Total renters(b)	184	446	800	1,175	2,291	1,095
<b>Total(c)</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>801</b>	<b>1,196</b>	<b>2,288</b>	<b>1,272</b>
MEAN HOUSING COSTS AS A PROPORTION OF INCOME (%)						
Owner without a mortgage	**11	**18	*6	**12	*3	6
Owner with a mortgage	n.p.	*59	*14	*18	13	16
Renter						
State housing authority	23	18	*17	*17	—	19
Private landlord	*89	*43	*23	*17	10	16
Total renters(b)	46	23	18	13	8	13
<b>Total(c)</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>
MEDIAN WEEKLY HOUSING COSTS (\$)						
Owner without a mortgage	**18	**45	*47	**150	*46	46
Owner with a mortgage	n.p.	*157	*52	219	258	218
Renter						
State housing authority	*32	*77	*117	*209	—	75
Private landlord	*155	*183	*170	212	254	205
Total renters(b)	50	80	136	142	171	134
<b>Total(c)</b>	<b>*49</b>	<b>*82</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>142</b>
MEDIAN WEEKLY INCOME (\$)						
Owner without a mortgage	*186	*379	*823	*1,246	*2,107	936
Owner with a mortgage	n.p.	*472	*750	1,213	1,815	1,417
Renter						
State housing authority	*197	*482	*706	*1,088	—	414
Private landlord	*166	*439	*815	*1,208	1,762	1,038
Total renters(b)	195	438	796	1,173	1,777	947
<b>Total(c)</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>1,191</b>	<b>1,877</b>	<b>1,100</b>
MEDIAN HOUSING COSTS AS A PROPORTION OF INCOME (%)						
Owner without a mortgage	**10	**12	*6	**12	*2	5
Owner with a mortgage	118	*33	*7	18	14	15
Renter						
State housing authority	*16	*16	*17	*19	—	18
Private landlord	*94	*42	*21	*18	14	20
Total renters(b)	26	18	17	12	10	14
<b>Total(c)</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>
HOUSEHOLDS ('000)						
Owner without a mortgage	**1.0	**1.1	*2.4	*1.2	*2.8	8.6
Owner with a mortgage	n.p.	*1.5	*2.2	*4.0	7.4	15.6
Renter						
State housing authority	*2.6	*2.8	**1.1	**0.6	—	7.0
Private landlord	*1.9	**0.8	*2.3	*2.7	*3.7	11.4
Total renters(b)	*4.5	*4.1	5.3	6.4	6.5	26.7
<b>Total(c)</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>17.6</b>	<b>53.0</b>

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**TABLE 19. RECENT HOME BUYER HOUSEHOLDS: Purchase Price of Dwelling by Selected Characteristics, Northern Territory#**

Selected characteristics	Purchase price of dwelling				Total(a) '000
	Less than \$124,999 '000	\$125,000 – \$149,999 '000	\$150,000 – \$199,999 '000	\$200,000 or more '000	
<b>Private dwelling structure</b>					
Separate house	**0.6	**0.8	*1.9	*2.5	5.9
<b>Total(b)</b>	<b>*2.0</b>	<b>*1.2</b>	<b>*2.1</b>	<b>*2.7</b>	<b>7.9</b>
<b>Age of reference person (years)</b>					
15 – 24	—	—	—	—	—
25 – 34	n.p.	—	n.p.	**0.6	*1.5
35 – 44	n.p.	**0.7	*1.3	*1.2	*3.9
45 – 54	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	*1.8
55 and over	**0.4	n.p.	—	n.p.	**0.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>*2.0</b>	<b>*1.2</b>	<b>*2.1</b>	<b>*2.7</b>	<b>7.9</b>
<b>Type of dwelling</b>					
New home	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	**1.1
Established home	*1.6	**1.0	*1.9	*2.3	6.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>*2.0</b>	<b>*1.2</b>	<b>*2.1</b>	<b>*2.7</b>	<b>7.9</b>
<b>Type of home buyer</b>					
First home buyer household	**0.7	**0.5	**0.8	n.p.	*2.1
Changeover buyer household	*1.1	**0.5	**1.1	*2.1	*4.8
<b>Total(c)</b>	<b>*2.0</b>	<b>*1.2</b>	<b>*2.1</b>	<b>*2.7</b>	<b>7.9</b>
<b>Deposit as a proportion of purchase price</b>					
No deposit(d)	n.p.	**0.8	**0.8	**0.8	*2.9
Less than 10%	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	*1.1
10% or more	*1.4	n.p.	**0.8	*1.5	*3.9
<b>Total(e)</b>	<b>*2.0</b>	<b>*1.2</b>	<b>*2.1</b>	<b>*2.7</b>	<b>7.9</b>
<b>Sources of deposit(f)</b>					
Savings	**0.9	—	**0.6	*1.3	*2.9
<b>Total(g)</b>	<b>*1.5</b>	<b>n.p.</b>	<b>*1.3</b>	<b>*1.9</b>	<b>5.0</b>

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(a) Includes purchase price not known.

(b) Includes semidetached, flats, moveable dwellings and improvised or makeshift dwellings.

(c) Includes households with more than one owner and in which (in terms of the purchase of their current dwelling) at least one of the owners was a first home buyer and at least one other was a changeover buyer.

(d) Includes households where purchase price of dwelling was zero.

(e) Includes amount of deposit not known.

(f) Includes only households who made a deposit and knew the amount of their deposit.

(g) Includes loans from formal sources e.g. banks and loans from family/friends and other informal sources; sale of former home; and other sources such as gifts, sale of car/other possessions and inheritance.

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**TABLE 20. RENTER HOUSEHOLDS WITH STATE/TERRITORY HOUSING AUTHORITY LANDLORD: Weekly Housing Costs by Selected Characteristics, Northern Territory#**

Selected characteristics	Weekly housing costs			Total(a)
	\$1 - \$49	\$50 - \$99	\$100 or more	
	'000	'000	'000	'000
<b>Type of current lease/tenure</b>				
Fixed period	**1.1	**0.7	*1.5	*3.3
Month by month	—	—	—	n.p.
Indefinite tenure (other than lease)	**1.1	**1.1	**0.6	*2.9
<b>Total (b)</b>	<b>*2.2</b>	<b>*1.8</b>	<b>*2.7</b>	<b>7.0</b>
<b>Amount of bond paid</b>				
Less than \$200	**1.0	**1.0	**0.8	*2.8
\$200 or more	n.p.	**0.4	**1.1	*2.2
Did not pay bond	**0.8	n.p.	**0.8	*2.0
<b>Total(c)</b>	<b>*2.2</b>	<b>*1.8</b>	<b>*2.7</b>	<b>7.0</b>
<b>Period since household rent last changed (months)</b>				
6 months or less	n.p.	**0.7	**0.6	*1.7
7 - 12	n.p.	—	**0.8	*1.3
More than 12	**1.1	n.p.	**0.7	*2.1
<b>Total(d)</b>	<b>*2.2</b>	<b>*1.8</b>	<b>*2.7</b>	<b>7.0</b>
<b>Whether increase or decrease in rent(e)</b>				
Rent increased	n.p.	n.p.	**0.9	*1.7
Rent decreased	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	*1.2
<b>Total(f)</b>	<b>**0.5</b>	<b>**0.7</b>	<b>*1.4</b>	<b>*3.0</b>
<b>Reason for rent change(e)</b>				
Change in income	n.p.	**0.5	**0.9	*1.9
Other reason	n.p.	n.p.	**0.7	*1.3
<b>Total(g)</b>	<b>**0.5</b>	<b>**0.7</b>	<b>*1.4</b>	<b>*3.0</b>
<b>Mean number of usual residents in household</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2.8</b>
<b>Mean number of bedrooms in dwelling</b>	<b>*1.6</b>	<b>*2.2</b>	<b>*2.8</b>	<b>2.3</b>

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(c) Includes unknown bond amount.

(d) Includes rent not changed.

(e) Only includes households where a change in rent occurred within the last 12 months.

(f) Includes households where the rent change was rounded to zero, households that paid no rent before their rent changed and households where the amount of rent change was not known.

(g) Components do not add to total as more than one response allowed.

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**TABLE 21. RENTER HOUSEHOLDS WITH PRIVATE LANDLORD: Weekly Housing Costs by Selected Characteristics, Northern Territory#**

Selected characteristics	Weekly housing costs				Total(a)
	\$1 – \$99	\$100 – \$149	\$150 – \$199	\$200 or more	
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
<b>Type of current lease/tenure</b>					
Fixed period lease	n.p.	n.p.	*2.0	4.8	7.4
Month by month	—	**0.7	**0.4	n.p.	*1.2
Indefinite tenure (other than lease)	n.p.	—	*1.5	**0.6	*2.5
<b>Total(b)</b>	<b>**0.6</b>	<b>*1.2</b>	<b>*4.0</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>11.4</b>
<b>Amount of bond paid</b>					
Less than \$500	—	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	**1.0
\$500 or more	—	**0.8	*2.7	4.9	8.6
Did not pay bond	**0.6	—	**0.8	**0.5	*1.9
<b>Total(c)</b>	<b>**0.6</b>	<b>*1.2</b>	<b>*4.0</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>11.4</b>
<b>Mean number of usual residents in household</b>	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<b>Mean number of bedrooms in dwelling</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>2.8</b>
	<b>**2.0</b>	<b>*1.9</b>	<b>*2.1</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.5</b>

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(b) Includes no formal lease or tenure.

(c) Includes unknown bond amount.

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**TABLE 22. RENTER HOUSEHOLDS: Weekly Housing Costs by Selected Characteristics, Northern Territory#**

Selected characteristics	Weekly housing costs				Total(a)
	\$1 - \$99	\$100 - \$149	\$150 - \$199	\$200 or more	
	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
<b>Type of current lease/tenure</b>					
12 month	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	*3.5	*4.7
6 month	n.p.	n.p.	**1.0	**0.9	*2.3
Other fixed period	*1.8	*1.6	n.p.	**0.6	*4.3
Month by month	n.p.	**0.7	**0.4	n.p.	*1.8
Indefinite tenure (other than lease)	6.5	*2.3	*1.8	*1.1	11.8
No formal lease or tenure	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	*1.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>*4.6</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>26.7</b>
<b>Amount of bond paid</b>					
Less than \$300	*2.2	**0.7	n.p.	n.p.	*3.8
\$300 - \$499	**0.6	**0.6	n.p.	n.p.	*1.8
\$500 or more	n.p.	**1.1	*3.1	5.2	9.8
Did not pay bond	6.0	*3.4	**0.8	*1.1	11.4
<b>Total(b)</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>*4.6</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>26.7</b>
<b>Period since household rent last changed (months)</b>					
Less than 3	n.p.	*1.2	—	—	*1.6
3 - 6	*1.8	—	—	n.p.	*2.0
7 - 12	**0.9	**0.7	n.p.	**0.6	*3.3
More than 12	*2.4	**0.7	—	n.p.	*3.3
<b>Total(c)</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>*4.6</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>26.7</b>
<b>Change in weekly rent(d)</b>					
Amount of increase					
\$1 - \$10	*2.1	**1.1	n.p.	—	*3.9
\$11 or more	—	n.p.	—	**0.5	**1.1
Rent decreased	**0.7	n.p.	—	—	*1.2
<b>Total(e)</b>	<b>*3.1</b>	<b>*1.9</b>	<b>n.p.</b>	<b>**0.8</b>	<b>6.9</b>
<b>Reason for rent change(d)</b>					
New lease	—	n.p.	n.p.	—	**0.9
Tight rental market	—	—	—	—	—
Change in income	*1.3	**0.8	—	n.p.	*2.3
Other reason	*1.8	*1.2	—	**0.7	*4.0
<b>Total(f)</b>	<b>*3.1</b>	<b>*1.9</b>	<b>n.p.</b>	<b>**0.8</b>	<b>6.9</b>
<b>Mean number of usual residents in household</b>	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>2.8</b>
<b>Mean number of bedrooms in dwelling</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>*2.1</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.5</b>

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**TABLE 23. HOUSEHOLDS THAT HAVE LIVED IN CURRENT DWELLING LESS THAN NINE YEARS(a): Tenure by Housing History of Reference Person, Northern Territory#**

Selected characteristics of reference person	Owner		Renter			Total(c) '000
	Without a mortgage '000	With a mortgage '000	State housing authority '000	Private landlord '000	Total renters(b) '000	
<b>Tenure type of previous dwelling (reference person)</b>						
Owner without a mortgage	*1.2	**1.0	n.p.	n.p.	**0.7	*2.9
Owner with a mortgage	n.p.	*3.2	—	**0.8	*1.4	4.9
Renter	*1.7	6.2	*4.4	8.6	19.2	28.4
Rent free	n.p.	**0.9	n.p.	*1.1	*2.0	*3.3
<b>Total(d)</b>	<b>*3.7</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>23.3</b>	<b>39.9</b>
<b>Area of previous dwelling (reference person)(e)</b>						
In same suburb/town/locality	*1.5	6.1	*3.4	5.2	11.2	20.0
In same State/Territory	*1.5	*3.7	*1.3	*1.8	*3.8	9.2
In different State/Territory	**0.7	**1.1	n.p.	*3.4	7.8	9.7
<b>Total(f)</b>	<b>*3.7</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>23.3</b>	<b>39.9</b>
<b>Years in current dwelling (reference person)</b>						
One or less	**1.1	5.2	*2.5	8.3	16.2	23.6
Two	n.p.	*1.4	**0.6	*1.3	*2.8	*4.5
Three	n.p.	*1.2	**0.8	**0.7	*1.7	*3.1
Four	n.p.	**1.1	n.p.	—	n.p.	*1.8
Five or more	*1.8	*2.6	**0.7	**0.7	*2.3	6.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>*3.7</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>23.3</b>	<b>39.9</b>
<b>Number of times moved in last 5 years (reference person)</b>						
None	*1.8	*2.6	**0.7	**0.7	*2.3	6.9
One	**1.0	*3.0	*1.3	*2.1	*4.5	8.7
Two	n.p.	*3.1	**0.9	**1.0	*2.9	6.9
Three	n.p.	*1.2	*1.4	*2.3	5.8	7.1
Four	n.p.	n.p.	n.p.	*1.2	*2.7	*3.3
Five or more	n.p.	**1.1	**0.5	*3.4	*4.8	6.6
<b>Total(g)</b>	<b>*3.7</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>23.3</b>	<b>39.9</b>

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(a) As indicated by reference person's length of time in current dwelling.

(b) Includes households paying rent to: a parent or other relative in the same dwelling; the owner/manager of a caravan park; an employer (including a government authority); a housing co-operative, community or church group; or any other landlord not elsewhere classified.

(c) Includes households which are: living rent free; participants of a life tenure scheme; participants of a rent/buy (or shared equity) scheme; or any tenure not elsewhere classified.

(d) Includes households which are: participants of a life tenure scheme; participants of a rent/buy (or shared equity) scheme; or any tenure not elsewhere classified.

(e) In relation to current dwelling.

(f) Includes overseas.

(g) Includes number of times not known.