

TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

NORTHERN
TERRITORY

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DECEMBER QTR KEY FIGURES

	Dec Qtr 96	Dec Qtr 97	change
Hotels, motels and guest houses			
Rooms available (no.)	5 644	6 137	8.7 %
Room occupancy rate (%)	58.5	51.1	-7.4 pts
Takings from accommodation (\$'000)	28 881	28 222	-2.3 %
Holiday flats, units and houses			
Units, etc. available (no.)	318	333	4.7 %
Unit occupancy rate (%)	68.1	62.8	-5.3 pts
Takings from accommodation (\$'000)	1 582	1 458	-7.8 %
Caravan parks			
Sites, cabins, etc. available (no.)	8 631	9 312	7.9 %
Site occupancy rate (%)	21.2	20.6	-0.6 pts
Takings from accommodation (\$'000)	2 376	2 571	8.2 %
Visitor hostels			
Bed spaces available (no.)	3 024	3 232	6.9 %
Bed occupancy rate (%)	45.1	45.3	0.2 pts
Takings from accommodation (\$'000)	1 722	1 986	15.3 %

DECEMBER QTR KEY POINTS

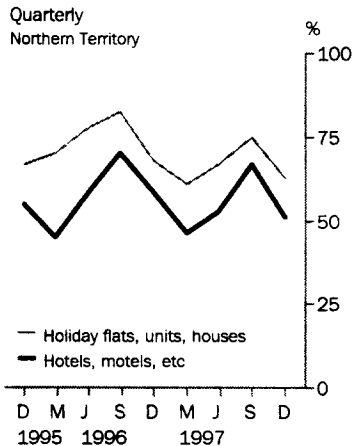
INCREASES IN CAPACITY AND FALLS IN OCCUPANCY

- Demand in terms of rooms nights occupied in hotels, motels and guest houses fell by 4.7% in December quarter 1997 compared with December quarter 1996, while room capacity rose by 8.7%. The capacity increase mainly reflected the opening of three establishments during the year in Darwin City, where the room occupancy rate fell by 11.2 percentage points to 53.1%. In the remainder of the Northern Territory, the room occupancy rate fell by 5.7 percentage points to 49.7%.
- Similarly, unit nights occupied in holiday flats, units and houses fell by 3.5%, while capacity available rose by 4.7%, resulting in a unit occupancy rate drop of 5.3 percentage points to 62.8%. For caravan parks, demand increased by a smaller proportion than a 7.9% increase in capacity, resulting in a 0.6 percentage point drop in the site occupancy rate to 20.6%.
- For visitor hostels, however, demand matched an increase in capacity and the occupancy rate rose marginally to 45.3%.

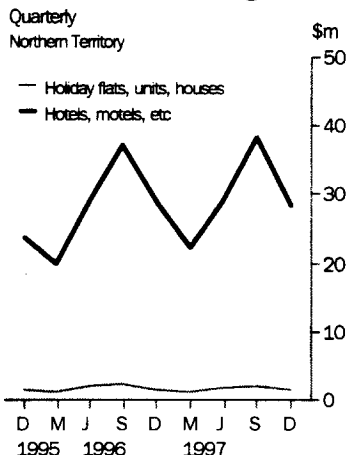
TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION

- Takings from accommodation fell in December quarter 1997 compared with December quarter 1996 for hotels, motels and guest houses and for holiday flats, units and houses, but increased for caravan parks and for visitor hostels.

Occupancy rates



Accommodation takings



INQUIRIES

- For further information about these and related statistics, contact Glenn Collins on 07 3222 6345, or any ABS Office.

NOTES

FINAL ISSUE

This December quarter 1997 issue of *Tourist Accommodation, Northern Territory* (8635.7) is the final issue of this publication.

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CHANGES TO THE SURVEY AND CESSATION OF STATE PUBLICATIONS

As a result of budget cuts to the ABS, the Survey of Tourist Accommodation (STA) will be significantly cut back from the March quarter 1998. The State and Territory *Tourist Accommodation* publications (Catalogue Nos. 8635.1 to 8635.8) will be discontinued because of the changes to the Survey of Tourist Accommodation which will be implemented from the March quarter 1998. The December quarter 1997 issues will be the last. There will also be changes to the publication *Tourist Accommodation, Australia* (Catalogue No. 8635.0) which will no longer contain data on caravan parks, holiday flats, units and houses and visitor hostels. However, it will include serviced apartments as a separate category and will contain State and some regional data.

The ABS has consulted with a number of interested users to determine the future form of the STA. As a result, the future collection strategy for the STA will consist of three major components.

The first component of the STA strategy is an ongoing quarterly survey with a scope of hotels, motels and guest houses with facilities in most rooms, and serviced apartments. Establishments with fewer than 15 rooms or units will be excluded. The first release of this data will be in *Tourist Accommodation, Australia* (8635.0) in June 1998 representing data for the March quarter of that year. This publication will contain some regional data as well as data for States, Territories and Australia. Further small geographic area data may be available on request. A charge may be made for this information.

The second component of the strategy is a triennial limited scope collection of significant caravan parks, visitor hostels and remaining holiday flats, units and houses, commencing with a year 2000 reference year.

The third STA component is the compilation and dissemination of annual accommodation counts of number of establishments and capacity data in respect of the current scope of the STA which is:

- hotels, motels and guest houses with facilities with 5 or more rooms,
- holiday flats, units and houses which are operated by owners, managers or real estate agents who have sole letting rights to at least 5 flats, units or houses for short term letting,
- caravan parks, and
- visitor hostels.

The counts are expected to be published in the December quarter issue of *Tourism Indicators, Australia* (Catalogue No. 8634.0).

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TABLE 1 — SUMMARY OF HOTELS, MOTELS AND GUEST HOUSES WITH FACILITIES, NORTHERN TERRITORY

Particulars	Unit	Quarter ended				Year ended			
		September 1996	December 1996	March 1997	June 1997	September 1997	December 1997	December 1996	December 1997
LICENSED HOTELS WITH FACILITIES									
Establishments	no.	31	31	32	33	34	34	..	..
Guest rooms	no.	2,045	2,046	2,245	2,386	2,399	2,391	..	..
Bed spaces	no.	5,822	5,811	6,156	6,549	6,865	6,940	..	..
Employment (persons)	no.	2,328	2,042	2,049	2,217	2,073	1,982	..	..
Room nights occupied	no.	131,458	113,611	93,185	114,594	146,294	111,806	448,258	465,879
Room occupancy rate	per cent	69.9	60.4	49.5	52.8	66.3	50.8	60.3	55.1
Guest nights	no.	219,822	181,634	149,687	181,804	248,563	180,783	730,787	760,837
Bed occupancy rate	per cent	41.0	34.0	28.4	30.5	39.4	28.3	34.1	31.8
Guest arrivals	no.	118,561	107,085	85,481	93,076	123,560	102,050	391,965	404,167
Average length of stay	days	1.9	1.7	1.8	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.9	1.9
Takings from accommodation	\$'000	17,160	13,881	11,065	13,997	18,120	13,817	55,235	56,999
MOTELS AND GUEST HOUSES WITH FACILITIES									
Establishments	no.	68	67	68	69	69	68	..	..
Guest rooms	no.	3,663	3,598	3,728	3,799	3,803	3,746	..	..
Bed spaces	no.	11,120	10,918	11,245	11,389	11,374	11,332	..	..
Employment (persons)	no.	1,437	1,266	1,312	1,404	1,414	1,276	..	..
Room nights occupied	no.	238,125	188,885	145,334	182,061	234,117	176,514	745,747	738,026
Room occupancy rate	per cent	70.7	57.4	44.7	52.7	66.9	51.2	56.9	54.0
Guest nights	no.	435,132	326,994	248,811	306,845	420,281	297,269	1,315,497	1,273,206
Bed occupancy rate	per cent	42.5	32.7	25.2	29.6	40.2	28.5	33.2	30.9
Guest arrivals	no.	232,121	169,151	122,653	156,474	212,565	155,425	685,680	647,117
Average length of stay	days	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9	2.0
Takings from accommodation	\$'000	20,087	15,000	11,118	15,020	20,171	14,404	59,973	60,713
TOTAL HOTELS, MOTELS AND GUEST HOUSES WITH FACILITIES									
Establishments	no.	99	98	100	102	103	102	..	..
Guest rooms	no.	5,708	5,644	5,973	6,185	6,202	6,137	..	..
Bed spaces	no.	16,942	16,729	17,401	17,938	18,239	18,272	..	..
Employment (persons)	no.	3,765	3,308	3,361	3,621	3,487	3,258	..	..
Room nights occupied	no.	369,583	302,496	238,519	296,655	380,411	288,320	1,194,005	1,203,905
Room occupancy rate	per cent	70.4	58.5	46.4	52.7	66.7	51.1	58.2	54.4
Guest nights	no.	654,954	508,628	398,498	488,649	668,844	478,052	2,046,284	2,034,043
Bed occupancy rate	per cent	42.0	33.2	26.3	29.9	39.9	28.4	33.5	31.3
Guest arrivals	no.	350,682	276,236	208,134	249,550	336,125	257,475	1,077,645	1,051,284
Average length of stay	days	1.9	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.9
Takings from accommodation	\$'000	37,247	28,881	22,183	29,017	38,291	28,222	115,209	117,712

TABLE 2 — SUMMARY OF CARAVAN PARKS, NORTHERN TERRITORY

Particulars	Unit	Quarter ended				Year ended			
		September 1996	December 1996	March 1997	June 1997	September 1997	December 1997	December 1996	December 1997
SHORT-TERM CARAVAN PARKS									
Establishments	no.	59	58	57	59	62	60	..	..
Capacity									
On-site vans	no.	138	129	126	125	130	139	..	..
Other powered sites	no.	2,941	2,960	2,920	3,005	3,142	3,102	..	..
Unpowered sites	no.	3,228	3,071	3,051	3,224	3,476	3,563	..	..
Cabins, etc.	no.	249	271	215	343	303	308	..	..
<i>Total capacity</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>6,556</i>	<i>6,431</i>	<i>6,312</i>	<i>6,697</i>	<i>7,051</i>	<i>7,112</i>	..	..
Sites occupied by long-term guests	no.	315	297	304	321	341	285	..	..
Other sites permanently reserved	no.	7	6	7	13	9	3	..	..
Employment (persons)	no.	280	263	225	281	327	316	..	..
Site nights occupied	no.	241,756	92,784	62,496	177,913	244,887	100,666	585,596	585,962
Site occupancy rate	per cent	40.1	15.8	11.0	29.2	38.0	15.4	24.7	23.7
Takings from accommodation	\$'000	3,962	1,552	1,060	3,109	4,407	1,762	9,533	10,338
LONG-TERM CARAVAN PARKS									
Establishments	no.	17	17	17	17	17	17	..	..
Capacity									
On-site vans	no.	178	177	182	184	176	172	..	..
Other powered sites	no.	1,428	1,418	1,434	1,434	1,437	1,435	..	..
Unpowered sites	no.	506	504	482	480	480	484	..	..
Cabins, etc.	no.	82	101	102	108	109	109	..	..
<i>Total capacity</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>2,194</i>	<i>2,200</i>	<i>2,200</i>	<i>2,206</i>	<i>2,202</i>	<i>2,200</i>	..	..
Sites occupied by long-term guests	no.	699	608	681	662	712	648	..	..
Other sites permanently reserved	no.	3	11	10	11	16	10	..	..
Employment (persons)	no.	95	94	85	86	82	88	..	..
Site nights occupied	no.	106,752	75,044	66,533	85,156	105,367	75,881	343,014	332,937
Site occupancy rate	per cent	52.9	37.1	33.6	42.4	52.0	37.5	42.2	41.4
Takings from accommodation	\$'000	1,357	824	705	1,031	1,301	809	4,058	3,846
TOTAL CARAVAN PARKS									
Establishments	no.	76	75	74	76	79	77	..	..
Capacity									
On-site vans	no.	316	306	308	309	306	311	..	..
Other powered sites	no.	4,369	4,378	4,354	4,439	4,579	4,537	..	..
Unpowered sites	no.	3,734	3,575	3,533	3,704	3,956	4,047	..	..
Cabins, etc.	no.	331	372	317	451	412	417	..	..
<i>Total capacity</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>8,750</i>	<i>8,631</i>	<i>8,512</i>	<i>8,903</i>	<i>9,253</i>	<i>9,312</i>	..	..
Sites occupied by long-term guests	no.	1,014	905	985	983	1,053	933	..	..
Other sites permanently reserved	no.	10	17	17	24	25	13	..	..
Employment (persons)	no.	375	357	310	367	409	404	..	..
Site nights occupied	no.	348,508	167,828	129,029	263,069	350,254	176,547	928,610	918,899
Site occupancy rate	per cent	43.3	21.2	16.8	32.5	41.3	20.6	29.2	28.0
Takings from accommodation	\$'000	5,319	2,376	1,765	4,140	5,708	2,571	13,591	14,184

TABLE 3 — SUMMARY OF HOLIDAY FLATS, UNITS AND HOUSES, NORTHERN TERRITORY

Particulars	Unit	Quarter ended				Year ended			
		September 1996	December 1996	March 1997	June 1997	September 1997	December 1997	December 1996	December 1997
Letting entities	no.	12	12	12	12	13	13	..	..
Flats, units and houses									
Single bedroom	no.	159	160	157	162	163	163	..	..
Multiple bedroom	no.	160	158	158	157	171	170	..	..
<i>Total flats, units and houses</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>319</i>	<i>318</i>	<i>315</i>	<i>319</i>	<i>334</i>	<i>333</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>..</i>
Bed spaces	no.	1,224	1,223	1,223	1,228	1,287	1,285	..	..
Employment (persons) (a)	no.	69	70	70	67	70	68	..	..
Unit nights occupied	no.	24,135	19,933	17,173	19,336	23,063	19,233	85,205	78,805
Unit occupancy rate	per cent	82.2	68.1	60.6	66.6	75.1	62.8	74.6	66.4
Unit lettings	no.	6,216	4,391	3,474	4,130	6,809	4,528	18,911	18,941
Average length of stay	days	3.9	4.5	4.9	4.7	3.4	4.2	4.5	4.2
Takings from accommodation	\$'000	2,214	1,582	1,227	1,675	2,115	1,458	7,044	6,474

(a) Employment numbers exclude real estate agents and their employees.

TABLE 4 — SUMMARY OF VISITOR HOSTELS, NORTHERN TERRITORY

Particulars	Unit	Quarter ended				Year ended			
		September 1996	December 1996	March 1997	June 1997	September 1997	December 1997	December 1996	December 1997
Establishments	no.	34	34	34	34	34	34	..	..
Bed spaces	no.	3,084	3,024	3,166	3,276	3,283	3,232	..	..
Employment (persons)	no.	168	151	149	159	173	169	..	..
Guest nights	no.	172,938	125,602	107,311	139,877	181,737	134,661	560,677	563,586
Bed occupancy rate	per cent	61.0	45.1	37.7	46.9	60.2	45.3	51.8	47.7
Guest arrivals	no.	85,737	64,661	52,472	68,945	101,692	73,551	280,505	296,660
Average length of stay	days	2.0	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.8	2.0	1.9
Takings from accommodation	\$'000	2,388	1,722	1,517	2,053	2,719	1,986	7,665	8,274

TABLE 5 — HOTELS, MOTELS AND GUEST HOUSES WITH FACILITIES BY ESTABLISHMENT SIZE, NORTHERN TERRITORY

Particulars	Establishment size (number of rooms)						Northern Territory
	5-9	10-15	16-25	26-50	51-100	101+	
ESTABLISHMENTS, CAPACITY AND EMPLOYMENT							
<i>December quarter 1996—</i>							
Establishments	7	10	23	19	23	16	98
Guest rooms	49	122	479	726	1,735	2,533	5,644
Bed spaces	139	341	1,503	2,178	4,919	7,649	16,729
Employment (persons)	35	79	180	504	1,124	1,386	3,308
<i>December quarter 1997—</i>							
Establishments	6	12	21	19	26	18	102
Guest rooms	38	144	435	733	1,936	2,851	6,137
Bed spaces	100	429	1,367	2,185	5,303	8,888	18,272
Employment (persons)	36	84	194	450	1,090	1,404	3,258
ROOM NIGHTS OCCUPIED							
<i>December quarter 1996</i>	1,009	4,094	18,853	31,212	87,208	160,120	302,496
<i>1997—</i>							
October	193	1,245	6,304	11,789	35,526	62,798	117,855
November	225	1,157	5,295	9,699	27,771	54,646	98,793
December	187	1,090	4,418	7,747	21,672	36,558	71,672
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	605	3,492	16,017	29,235	84,969	154,002	288,320
ROOM OCCUPANCY RATES (per cent)							
<i>December quarter 1996</i>	22.4	36.5	44.9	46.7	54.6	68.7	58.5
<i>1997—</i>							
October	16.4	27.9	46.7	51.9	59.2	71.1	61.9
November	19.7	26.8	40.6	44.1	47.8	63.9	53.7
December	15.9	24.4	32.8	34.1	36.1	41.4	37.7
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	17.3	26.4	40.0	43.4	47.7	58.7	51.1
GUEST NIGHTS							
<i>December quarter 1996</i>	1,861	6,490	30,465	53,415	155,276	261,121	508,628
<i>1997—</i>							
October	332	2,322	9,951	20,383	62,741	104,449	200,178
November	339	2,182	8,158	15,586	44,841	85,888	156,994
December	390	2,172	6,826	13,711	38,689	59,092	120,880
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	1,061	6,676	24,935	49,680	146,271	249,429	478,052
BED OCCUPANCY RATES (per cent)							
<i>December quarter 1996</i>	14.6	20.7	23.0	26.7	34.3	37.1	33.2
<i>1997—</i>							
October	10.7	17.5	23.5	30.1	38.2	37.9	35.3
November	11.3	17.0	19.9	23.8	28.2	32.2	28.6
December	12.6	16.3	16.1	20.2	23.5	21.4	21.3
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	11.5	16.9	19.8	24.7	30.0	30.5	28.4
GUEST ARRIVALS							
<i>December quarter 1996</i>	1,116	5,153	14,774	26,952	81,750	146,491	276,236
<i>1997—</i>							
October	331	1,915	4,294	11,135	33,199	53,585	104,459
November	339	1,717	3,740	8,038	24,972	48,327	87,133
December	386	1,741	3,238	7,615	19,683	33,220	65,883
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	1,056	5,373	11,272	26,788	77,854	135,132	257,475
AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY (days)							
<i>December quarter 1996</i>	1.7	1.3	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.8
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	1.0	1.2	2.2	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.9
TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION (\$'000)							
<i>December quarter 1996</i>	47	259	1,061	1,940	6,615	18,959	28,881
<i>1997—</i>							
October	8	67	366	800	2,876	7,681	11,798
November	10	60	280	610	2,196	6,699	9,855
December	10	59	219	473	1,603	4,204	6,568
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	28	187	866	1,883	6,675	18,584	28,222

TABLE 6A — HOTELS, MOTELS AND GUEST HOUSES WITH FACILITIES BY STAR GRADING BY STATISTICAL DIVISION, NORTHERN TERRITORY

Particulars	Darwin (SD)				Northern Territory - Balance (SD)			
	Star grading			Total	Star grading			Total
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ESTABLISHMENTS, CAPACITY AND EMPLOYMENT								
<i>December quarter 1996—</i>								
Establishments	7	12	9	28	23	25	22	70
Guest rooms	318	1,393	265	1,976	1,019	2,229	420	3,668
Bed spaces	935	3,875	757	5,567	3,045	6,853	1,264	11,162
Employment (persons)	89	1,205	99	1,393	526	1,180	209	1,915
<i>December quarter 1997—</i>								
Establishments	7	12	12	31	19	26	26	71
Guest rooms	320	1,375	736	2,431	842	2,136	728	3,706
Bed spaces	942	3,992	2,091	7,025	2,493	6,533	2,221	11,247
Employment (persons)	67	1,011	210	1,288	463	1,156	351	1,970
ROOM NIGHTS OCCUPIED								
<i>December quarter 1996</i>	16,358	86,688	13,453	116,499	41,446	132,031	12,520	185,997
<i>1997—</i>								
October	5,266	28,301	13,502	47,069	12,870	48,349	9,567	70,786
November	4,381	24,378	11,683	40,442	9,051	40,602	8,698	58,351
December	4,142	17,750	9,383	31,275	7,302	27,574	5,521	40,397
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	13,789	70,429	34,568	118,786	29,223	116,525	23,786	169,534
ROOM OCCUPANCY RATES (per cent)								
<i>December quarter 1996</i>	55.9	67.6	56.4	64.3	44.9	64.4	32.4	55.4
<i>1997—</i>								
October	53.1	66.4	59.2	62.5	49.3	73.0	42.4	61.6
November	45.6	59.1	52.9	55.5	35.8	63.4	39.8	52.5
December	41.8	41.6	41.1	41.5	28.0	41.6	24.5	35.2
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	46.8	55.7	51.1	53.1	37.7	59.3	35.5	49.7
GUEST NIGHTS								
<i>December quarter 1996</i>	28,367	129,037	19,242	176,646	76,230	234,648	21,104	331,982
<i>1997—</i>								
October	9,010	44,286	20,484	73,780	21,724	87,373	17,301	126,398
November	7,012	35,194	16,822	59,028	14,800	70,199	12,967	97,966
December	7,052	25,485	14,255	46,792	12,788	52,340	8,960	74,088
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	23,074	104,965	51,561	179,600	49,312	209,912	39,228	298,452
BED OCCUPANCY RATES (per cent)								
<i>December quarter 1996</i>	33.0	36.2	28.1	34.6	27.6	37.2	18.1	32.5
<i>1997—</i>								
October	30.9	35.8	31.6	33.9	28.1	43.1	25.1	36.3
November	24.8	29.4	26.8	28.0	19.8	35.8	19.5	29.0
December	24.1	20.6	22.0	21.5	16.5	25.8	13.0	21.2
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	26.6	28.6	26.8	27.8	21.5	34.9	19.2	28.8
GUEST ARRIVALS								
<i>December quarter 1996</i>	10,556	63,627	13,671	87,854	39,049	136,358	12,975	188,382
<i>1997—</i>								
October	3,651	19,084	7,501	30,236	15,039	48,638	10,546	74,223
November	2,831	17,139	6,948	26,918	10,687	41,845	7,683	60,215
December	2,685	13,329	6,123	22,137	8,515	29,106	6,125	43,746
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	9,167	49,552	20,572	79,291	34,241	119,589	24,354	178,184
AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY (days)								
<i>December quarter 1996</i>	2.7	2.0	1.4	2.0	2.0	1.7	1.6	1.8
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	2.5	2.1	2.5	2.3	1.4	1.8	1.6	1.7
TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION (\$'000)								
<i>December quarter 1996</i>	1,030	9,328	667	11,025	2,621	14,496	740	17,856
<i>1997—</i>								
October	331	3,105	1,128	4,563	860	5,606	769	7,235
November	241	2,490	932	3,663	577	4,943	672	6,192
December	231	1,674	702	2,607	446	3,207	308	3,961
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	803	7,269	2,762	10,833	1,883	13,756	1,749	17,388

**TABLE 6B — HOTELS, MOTELS AND GUEST HOUSES WITH FACILITIES BY STAR GRADING,
NORTHERN TERRITORY**

Particulars	Licensed hotels with facilities	Motels and guest houses	Star grading					Northern Territory
			1	2	3	4 and 5	Ungraded	
ESTABLISHMENTS, CAPACITY AND EMPLOYMENT								
<i>December quarter 1996—</i>								
Establishments	31	67	13	30	31	6	18	98
Guest rooms	2,046	3,598	266	1,337	2,559	1,063	419	5,644
Bed spaces	5,811	10,918	806	3,980	7,878	2,850	1,215	16,729
Employment (persons)	2,042	1,266	146	615	1,131	1,254	162	3,308
<i>December quarter 1997—</i>								
Establishments	34	68	7	26	30	8	31	102
Guest rooms	2,391	3,746	98	1,162	2,393	1,118	1,366	6,137
Bed spaces	6,940	11,332	283	3,435	7,504	3,021	4,029	18,272
Employment (persons)	1,982	1,276	72	530	1,028	1,139	489	3,258
ROOM NIGHTS OCCUPIED								
<i>December quarter 1996</i>	113,611	188,885	8,844	57,804	160,110	58,609	17,129	302,496
<i>1997—</i>								
October	44,977	72,878	987	18,136	54,469	22,181	22,082	117,855
November	38,339	60,454	830	13,432	45,599	19,381	19,551	98,793
December	28,490	43,182	691	11,444	31,556	13,768	14,213	71,672
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	111,806	176,514	2,508	43,012	131,624	55,330	55,846	288,320
ROOM OCCUPANCY RATES (per cent)								
<i>December quarter 1996</i>	60.4	57.4	36.1	47.6	68.0	59.9	45.0	58.5
<i>1997—</i>								
October	60.7	62.8	32.5	50.3	73.4	64.0	52.1	61.9
November	53.4	53.8	28.2	38.5	63.5	57.8	47.7	53.7
December	38.4	37.2	22.7	31.8	42.5	39.7	33.6	37.7
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	50.8	51.2	27.8	40.2	59.8	53.8	44.4	51.1
GUEST NIGHTS								
<i>December quarter 1996</i>	181,634	326,994	15,069	104,597	273,369	90,316	25,277	508,628
<i>1997—</i>								
October	74,070	126,108	1,566	30,734	94,866	36,793	36,219	200,178
November	59,768	97,226	1,344	21,812	74,517	30,876	28,445	156,994
December	46,945	73,935	1,126	19,840	54,790	23,035	22,089	120,880
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	180,783	297,269	4,036	72,386	224,173	90,704	86,753	478,052
BED OCCUPANCY RATES (per cent)								
<i>December quarter 1996</i>	34.0	32.7	20.3	28.9	37.7	34.4	22.9	33.2
<i>1997—</i>								
October	34.4	35.9	17.9	28.9	40.8	39.3	29.0	35.3
November	28.7	28.6	15.8	21.2	33.1	34.1	23.5	28.6
December	21.8	21.0	12.8	18.6	23.6	24.6	17.7	21.3
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	28.3	28.5	15.5	22.9	32.5	32.6	23.4	28.4
GUEST ARRIVALS								
<i>December quarter 1996</i>	107,085	169,151	10,405	49,605	144,482	55,503	16,241	276,236
<i>1997—</i>								
October	40,939	63,520	991	18,690	47,971	19,751	17,056	104,459
November	34,526	52,607	917	13,518	40,786	18,198	13,714	87,133
December	26,585	39,298	801	11,200	30,370	12,065	11,447	65,883
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	102,050	155,425	2,709	43,408	119,127	50,014	42,217	257,475
AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY (days)								
<i>December quarter 1996</i>	1.7	1.9	1.4	2.1	1.9	1.6	1.6	1.8
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	1.8	1.9	1.5	1.7	1.9	1.8	2.1	1.9
TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION (\$'000)								
<i>December quarter 1996</i>	13,881	15,000	464	3,650	15,369	8,454	943	28,881
<i>1997—</i>								
October	5,711	6,087	40	1,191	5,625	3,085	1,857	11,798
November	4,860	4,996	35	818	4,668	2,765	1,570	9,855
December	3,246	3,322	28	677	3,102	1,779	982	6,568
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	13,817	14,404	102	2,686	13,395	7,630	4,409	28,222

TABLE 7 — HOTELS, MOTELS AND GUEST HOUSES WITH FACILITIES BY SELECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS,
NORTHERN TERRITORY

Particulars	Darwin City (a)	Alice Springs (T)	Katherine (T)	Tennant Creek (T)
ESTABLISHMENTS, CAPACITY AND EMPLOYMENT				
<i>December quarter 1996—</i>				
Establishments	28	22	7	4
Guest rooms	1,976	1,578	409	192
Bed spaces	5,567	4,822	1,285	513
Employment (persons)	1,393	726	287	52
<i>December quarter 1997—</i>				
Establishments	31	22	7	4
Guest rooms	2,431	1,562	407	192
Bed spaces	7,025	4,706	1,265	514
Employment (persons)	1,288	757	291	50
ROOM NIGHTS OCCUPIED				
<i>December quarter 1996</i>	116,499	81,099	23,861	6,550
<i>1997—</i>				
October	47,069	30,404	9,355	2,419
November	40,442	24,433	7,093	2,294
December	31,275	16,187	5,387	1,622
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	118,786	71,024	21,835	6,335
ROOM OCCUPANCY RATES (per cent)				
<i>December quarter 1996</i>	64.3	55.9	63.4	37.1
<i>1997—</i>				
October	62.5	62.8	74.1	40.6
November	55.5	52.1	58.1	39.8
December	41.5	33.4	42.7	27.3
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	53.1	49.4	58.3	35.9
GUEST NIGHTS				
<i>December quarter 1996</i>	176,646	142,579	37,196	11,030
<i>1997—</i>				
October	73,780	54,552	14,141	3,916
November	59,028	40,175	10,265	3,506
December	46,792	28,156	9,092	3,096
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	179,600	122,883	33,498	10,518
BED OCCUPANCY RATES (per cent)				
<i>December quarter 1996</i>	34.6	32.1	31.5	23.4
<i>1997—</i>				
October	33.9	37.4	36.1	24.6
November	28.0	28.5	27.0	22.7
December	21.5	19.3	23.2	19.4
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	27.8	28.4	28.8	22.2
GUEST ARRIVALS				
<i>December quarter 1996</i>	87,854	67,997	19,727	8,587
<i>1997—</i>				
October	30,236	28,373	7,833	2,895
November	26,918	21,539	5,724	2,416
December	22,137	15,166	4,179	2,212
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	79,291	65,078	17,736	7,523
AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY (days)				
<i>December quarter 1996</i>	2.0	2.1	1.9	1.3
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	2.3	1.9	1.9	1.4
TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION (\$'000)				
<i>December quarter 1996</i>	11,025	5,947	1,268	385
<i>1997—</i>				
October	4,563	2,193	557	141
November	3,663	1,774	403	135
December	2,607	1,045	315	95
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	10,833	5,012	1,274	372

(a) As there are no in-scope establishments outside the Darwin City boundaries, data for Darwin Statistical Division are the same as for Darwin City.

TABLE 8 — HOLIDAY FLATS, UNITS AND HOUSES BY SELECTED AREAS, NORTHERN TERRITORY

<i>Particulars</i>	<i>Darwin (C)-Inner</i>	<i>Balance</i>	<i>Northern Territory</i>
LETTING ENTITIES, CAPACITY AND EMPLOYMENT			
<i>December quarter 1996—</i>			
Letting entities	4	8	12
Flats, units and houses			
Single bedroom	14	146	160
Multiple bedroom	88	70	158
<i>Total flats, units and houses</i>	<i>102</i>	<i>216</i>	<i>318</i>
Bed spaces	382	841	1,223
Employment (persons) (a)	21	49	70
<i>December quarter 1997—</i>			
Letting entities	4	9	13
Flats, units and houses			
Single bedroom	14	149	163
Multiple bedroom	87	83	170
<i>Total flats, units and houses</i>	<i>101</i>	<i>232</i>	<i>333</i>
Bed spaces	378	907	1,285
Employment (persons) (a)	21	47	68
UNIT NIGHTS OCCUPIED			
<i>December quarter 1996</i>	<i>6,340</i>	<i>13,593</i>	<i>19,933</i>
<i>1997—</i>			
October	2,311	4,930	7,241
November	2,199	4,032	6,231
December	1,890	3,871	5,761
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	<i>6,400</i>	<i>12,833</i>	<i>19,233</i>
UNIT OCCUPANCY RATES (per cent)			
<i>December quarter 1996</i>	<i>67.6</i>	<i>68.4</i>	<i>68.1</i>
<i>1997—</i>			
October	73.8	68.5	70.1
November	72.6	57.9	62.4
December	60.4	53.8	55.8
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	<i>68.9</i>	<i>60.1</i>	<i>62.8</i>
UNIT LETTINGS			
<i>December quarter 1996</i>	<i>1,235</i>	<i>3,156</i>	<i>4,391</i>
<i>1997—</i>			
October	284	1,256	1,540
November	283	1,159	1,442
December	288	1,258	1,546
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	<i>855</i>	<i>3,673</i>	<i>4,528</i>
AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY (days)			
<i>December quarter 1996</i>	<i>5.1</i>	<i>4.3</i>	<i>4.5</i>
<i>1997—</i>			
October	8.1	3.9	4.7
November	7.8	3.5	4.3
December	6.6	3.1	3.7
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	<i>7.5</i>	<i>3.5</i>	<i>4.2</i>
TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION (\$'000)			
<i>December quarter 1996</i>	<i>595</i>	<i>987</i>	<i>1,582</i>
<i>1997—</i>			
October	203	381	585
November	171	248	419
December	138	316	454
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	<i>513</i>	<i>945</i>	<i>1,458</i>

(a) Employment numbers exclude real estate agents and their employees.

TABLE 9 — CARAVAN PARKS BY STATISTICAL AREA AND TYPE, NORTHERN TERRITORY

Particulars	Darwin (SD) and Alligator (SSD)	Darwin Rural Areas and Daly (SSDs)	Lower Top End Northern Territory (SSD)	Barkly (SSD)	Central Northern Territory (SSD)	Northern Territory		Total
						Short-term parks	Long-term parks	
ESTABLISHMENTS, CAPACITY AND EMPLOYMENT								
<i>December quarter 1996—</i>								
Establishments	9	21	21	9	15	58	17	75
Capacity								
On-site vans	27	173	14	19	73	129	177	306
Other powered sites	1,262	944	802	350	1,020	2,960	1,418	4,378
Unpowered sites	566	487	795	390	1,337	3,071	504	3,575
Cabins, flats, etc.	30	76	131	44	91	271	101	372
<i>Total capacity</i>	<i>1,885</i>	<i>1,680</i>	<i>1,742</i>	<i>803</i>	<i>2,521</i>	<i>6,431</i>	<i>2,200</i>	<i>8,631</i>
Sites occupied by long-term guests	314	289	66	20	216	297	608	905
Other sites permanently reserved	2	6	6	2	1	6	11	17
Employment (persons)	45	76	89	39	108	263	94	357
<i>December quarter 1997—</i>								
Establishments	9	21	23	9	15	60	17	77
Capacity								
On-site vans	27	165	14	22	83	139	172	311
Other powered sites	1,263	945	880	336	1,113	3,102	1,435	4,537
Unpowered sites	562	566	1,125	370	1,424	3,563	484	4,047
Cabins, flats, etc.	40	90	138	44	105	308	109	417
<i>Total capacity</i>	<i>1,892</i>	<i>1,766</i>	<i>2,157</i>	<i>772</i>	<i>2,725</i>	<i>7,112</i>	<i>2,200</i>	<i>9,312</i>
Sites occupied by long-term guests	315	323	48	21	226	285	648	933
Other sites permanently reserved	—	4	8	—	1	3	10	13
Employment (persons)	47	98	113	46	100	316	88	404
SITE NIGHTS OCCUPIED								
<i>December quarter 1996</i>	<i>48,939</i>	<i>38,779</i>	<i>15,532</i>	<i>8,661</i>	<i>55,917</i>	<i>92,784</i>	<i>75,044</i>	<i>167,828</i>
<i>1997—</i>								
October	22,176	15,570	9,838	3,354	22,869	46,406	27,401	73,807
November	17,249	13,373	6,586	2,135	16,177	30,481	25,039	55,520
December	14,521	11,870	4,053	1,902	14,874	23,779	23,441	47,220
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	<i>53,946</i>	<i>40,813</i>	<i>20,477</i>	<i>7,391</i>	<i>53,920</i>	<i>100,666</i>	<i>75,881</i>	<i>176,547</i>
SITE OCCUPANCY RATES (per cent)								
<i>December quarter 1996</i>	<i>28.2</i>	<i>25.1</i>	<i>9.9</i>	<i>11.7</i>	<i>24.1</i>	<i>15.8</i>	<i>37.1</i>	<i>21.2</i>
<i>1997—</i>								
October	37.8	28.4	14.7	14.0	27.1	21.0	40.2	25.6
November	30.4	25.2	10.2	9.2	19.8	14.3	37.9	19.9
December	24.8	21.7	6.1	7.9	17.6	10.8	34.4	16.4
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	<i>31.0</i>	<i>25.1</i>	<i>10.4</i>	<i>10.4</i>	<i>21.5</i>	<i>15.4</i>	<i>37.5</i>	<i>20.6</i>
TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION (\$'000)								
<i>December quarter 1996</i>	<i>451</i>	<i>514</i>	<i>273</i>	<i>129</i>	<i>1,009</i>	<i>1,552</i>	<i>824</i>	<i>2,376</i>
<i>1997—</i>								
October	205	220	156	54	487	815	306	1,122
November	159	184	106	35	286	506	264	770
December	136	154	77	33	278	440	239	679
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	<i>501</i>	<i>558</i>	<i>339</i>	<i>122</i>	<i>1,051</i>	<i>1,762</i>	<i>809</i>	<i>2,571</i>

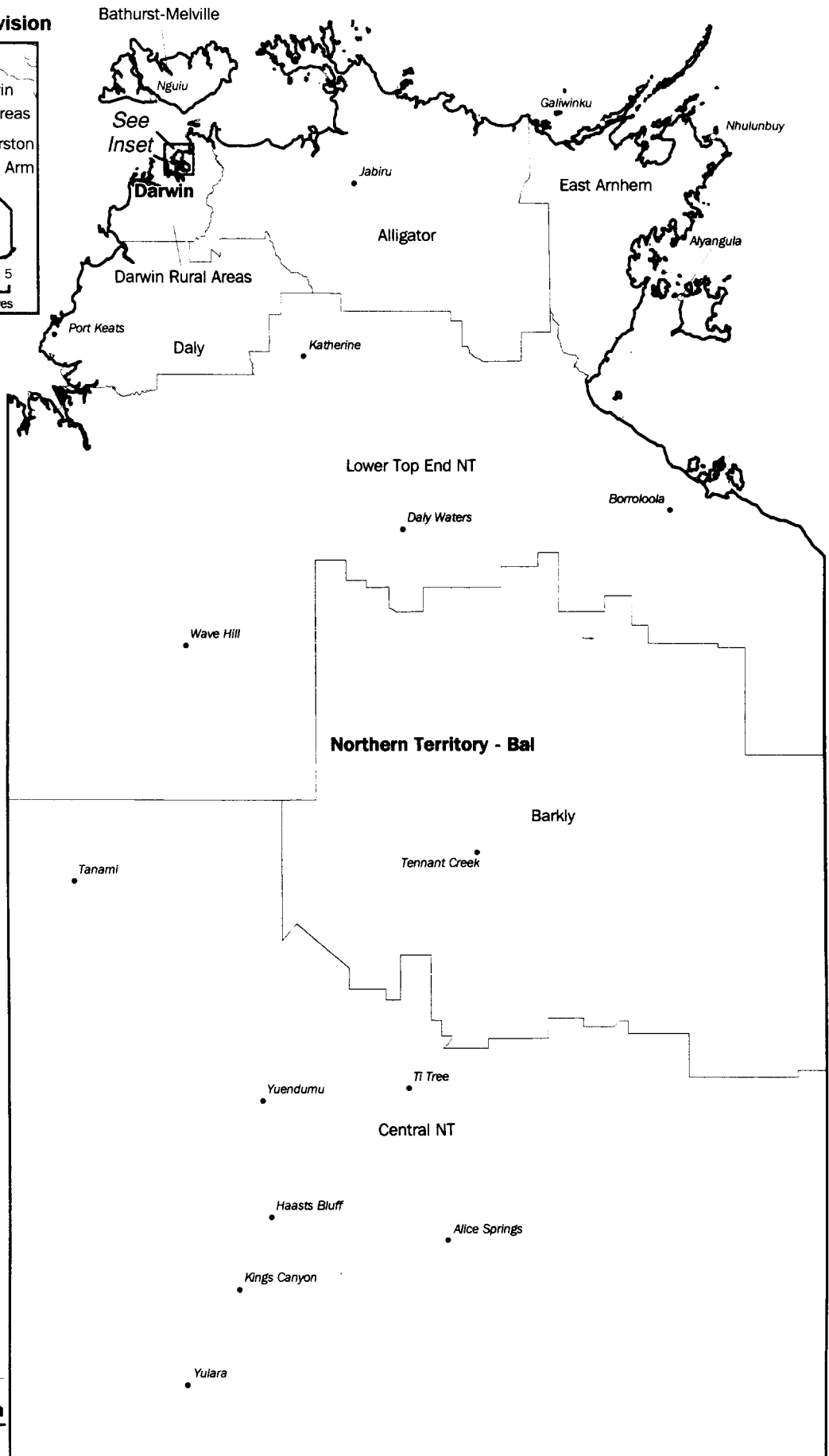
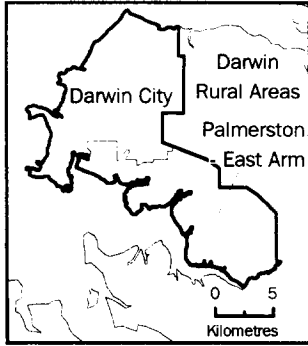
TABLE 10 — VISITOR HOSTELS BY STATISTICAL DIVISION AND SELECTED AREAS, NORTHERN TERRITORY

Particulars	Northern Territory - Balance (SD)					Northern Territory
	Darwin (SD)	Katherine (T)	Alice Springs (T)	Balance	Total	
ESTABLISHMENTS, CAPACITY AND EMPLOYMENT						
<i>December quarter 1996—</i>						
Establishments	10	3	8	13	24	34
Bed spaces	1,210	192	927	695	1,814	3,024
Employment (persons)	52	8	43	48	99	151
<i>December quarter 1997—</i>						
Establishments	10	3	8	13	24	34
Bed spaces	1,246	187	868	931	1,986	3,232
Employment (persons)	59	12	40	58	110	169
GUEST NIGHTS						
<i>December quarter 1996</i>	<i>52,988</i>	<i>9,469</i>	<i>40,599</i>	<i>22,546</i>	<i>72,614</i>	<i>125,602</i>
<i>1997—</i>						
October	22,160	4,259	14,526	10,805	29,590	51,750
November	20,628	3,842	13,249	8,127	25,218	45,846
December	13,385	3,758	11,896	8,026	23,680	37,065
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	<i>56,173</i>	<i>11,859</i>	<i>39,671</i>	<i>26,958</i>	<i>78,488</i>	<i>134,661</i>
BED OCCUPANCY RATES (per cent)						
<i>December quarter 1996</i>	<i>47.6</i>	<i>53.6</i>	<i>47.6</i>	<i>35.3</i>	<i>43.5</i>	<i>45.1</i>
<i>1997—</i>						
October	57.4	73.5	54.0	37.4	48.1	51.7
November	55.2	68.5	50.9	29.1	42.3	47.3
December	34.7	64.8	44.2	27.8	38.5	37.0
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	<i>49.0</i>	<i>68.9</i>	<i>49.7</i>	<i>31.5</i>	<i>43.0</i>	<i>45.3</i>
GUEST ARRIVALS						
<i>December quarter 1996</i>	<i>19,605</i>	<i>4,458</i>	<i>23,948</i>	<i>16,650</i>	<i>45,056</i>	<i>64,661</i>
<i>1997—</i>						
October	8,916	3,184	8,391	8,182	19,757	28,673
November	8,382	2,530	8,285	6,057	16,872	25,254
December	5,508	1,068	7,215	5,833	14,116	19,624
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	<i>22,806</i>	<i>6,782</i>	<i>23,891</i>	<i>20,072</i>	<i>50,745</i>	<i>73,551</i>
AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY (days)						
<i>December quarter 1996</i>	<i>2.7</i>	<i>2.1</i>	<i>1.7</i>	<i>1.4</i>	<i>1.6</i>	<i>1.9</i>
<i>1997—</i>						
October	2.5	1.3	1.7	1.3	1.5	1.8
November	2.5	1.5	1.6	1.3	1.5	1.8
December	2.4	3.5	1.6	1.4	1.7	1.9
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	<i>2.5</i>	<i>1.7</i>	<i>1.7</i>	<i>1.3</i>	<i>1.5</i>	<i>1.8</i>
TAKINGS FROM ACCOMMODATION (\$'000)						
<i>December quarter 1996</i>	<i>661</i>	<i>124</i>	<i>514</i>	<i>422</i>	<i>1,060</i>	<i>1,722</i>
<i>1997—</i>						
October	290	53	188	242	483	772
November	248	45	181	179	405	652
December	184	34	159	183	377	561
<i>December quarter 1997</i>	<i>721</i>	<i>132</i>	<i>529</i>	<i>604</i>	<i>1,264</i>	<i>1,986</i>

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1 This publication contains data for the Northern Territory from a quarterly survey of tourist accommodation establishments.

SCOPE

2 Tourist accommodation establishments currently included in the survey comprise two groups:

- Establishments which provide predominantly short-term accommodation (i.e. for periods of less than 2 months) to the general public. These include:
 - *Hotels, motels and guest houses, with facilities* being hotels licensed to operate a public bar and motels, private hotels and guest houses all of which provide a bath (or shower) and toilet in most guest rooms and have breakfast available for guests. NOTE: From December quarter 1993, hotel, motel and guest house establishments with fewer than five rooms have been formally excluded from the scope of this statistical collection.
 - *Holiday flats, units and houses* (excluding establishments predominantly operated on a time share basis) which are operated by owners, managers or real estate agents who have sole letting rights to at least five flats, units or houses for short-term letting. They are mainly self-contained in terms of cooking, bath (or shower) and toilet facilities and do not have breakfast available for guests. Data for holiday flats, units and houses include short-term owner occupation as well as paying guest occupation.
 - *Visitor hostels* which provide accommodation to visitors on a bed basis (rather than by the room). This category does not include establishments providing charity type accommodation (e.g. Salvation Army hostels) nor hotels, motels and guest houses without in-room facilities which provide accommodation on a per room basis.
 - *Caravan parks* which provide either predominantly short-term (i.e. for periods of less than 2 months) or predominantly long-term (i.e. for periods of 2 months or more) accommodation to the general public and which provide powered sites for caravans and toilet, shower and laundry facilities for guests.

3 Data collected and published for each type of establishment (other than holiday flats, units and houses) include both long-term and short-term guests at these establishments.

4 Establishments which provide more than one type of accommodation (e.g. a motel with attached caravan park) are treated as two or more separate establishments. However, self-contained units, flats, cabins, etc. attached to hotels, motels or to caravan parks are included in the capacity for those establishments and not treated as separate holiday flat, unit or house establishments.

AUSTRALIAN STANDARD GEOGRAPHICAL CLASSIFICATION

5 Statistics presented in this publication have been classified according to the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC), Edition 1996. This classification incorporates a number of hierarchic structures of geographic areas. The appropriate spatial units of the main structure of the ASGC used in this publication are defined as follows.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

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continued

- Statistical Local Areas (SLAs) are legal Local Government Areas or equivalent spatial units which serve as the smallest type of spatial unit considered appropriate for the presentation of statistics and add, without gaps or overlaps, to;
- Statistical Subdivisions (SSDs) which in turn represent another, higher hierarchic level and add, without gaps or overlaps, to;
- Statistical Divisions (SDs) which in turn add, without gaps or overlaps, to; *The Northern Territory.*

For more detailed information, refer to the ASGC (1216.0).

The Northern Territory comprises three SDs, i.e. Darwin, Northern Territory Balance, and Offshore Areas and Migratory. Only the first two of these units are appropriate for the presentation of statistics in this publication and together add to the Northern Territory.

UNPUBLISHED STATISTICS

6 The ABS may make available on request certain unpublished tourist accommodation statistics. A charge may be made for this information.

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

7 Publications for Australia, and each State and Territory, are released by the respective offices of the ABS. Tourist accommodation statistics for past quarters are available on request. Other ABS publications which may be of interest include:

- *Directory of Tourism Statistics* (1130.0) (irregular: latest issue; 1997)
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- *Tourist Accommodation, Australia* (8635.0) (issued quarterly)

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EFFECTS OF ROUNDING

9 Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between totals and the sums of the component items.

SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

- .. not applicable
- nil or rounded to zero
- n.a. not available
- n.p. not available for publication but included in totals where applicable
- r revised
- (T) Town

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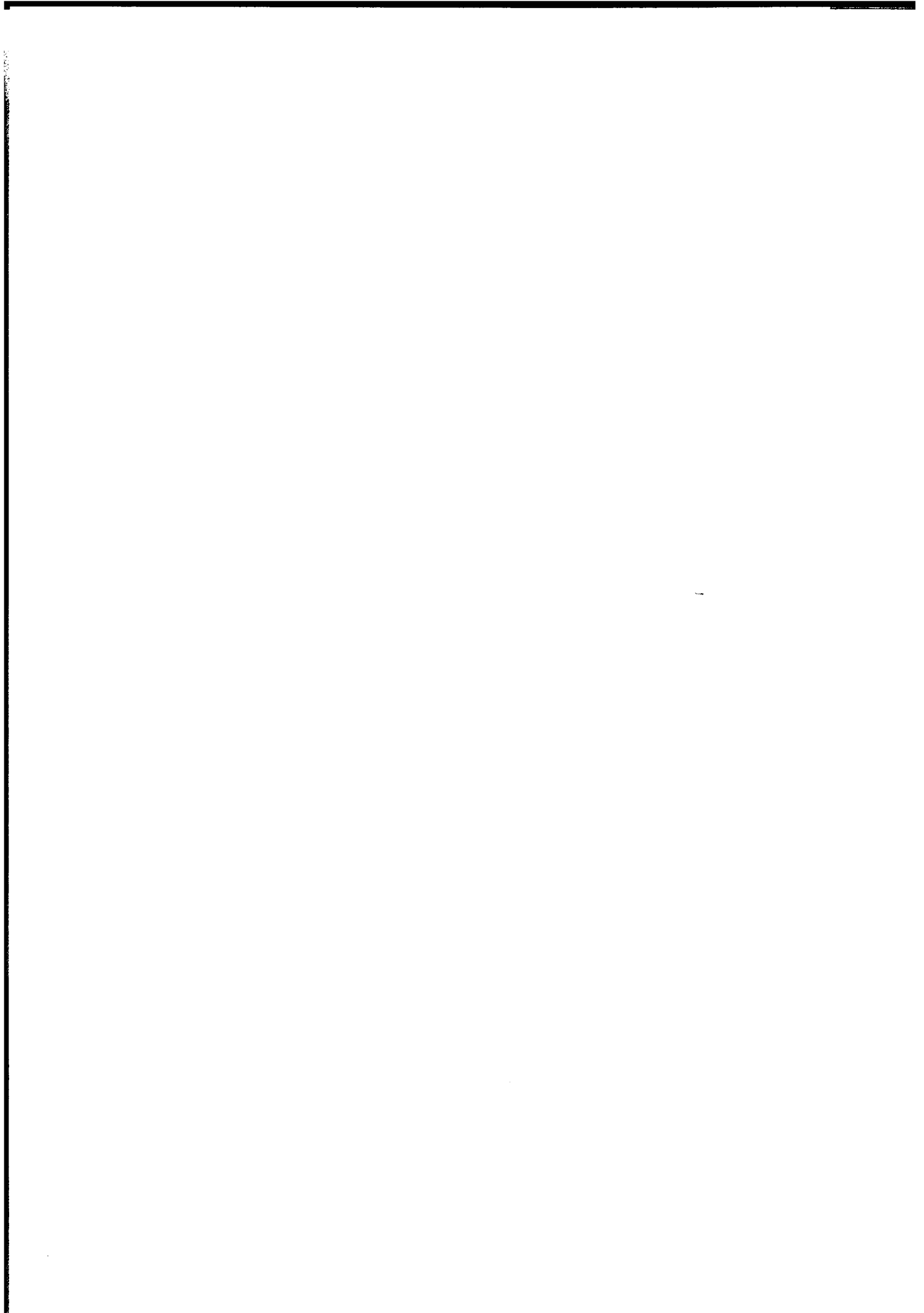


Average length of stay	<p>Average length of stay is expressed in numbers of days and calculated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ for hotels, motels and guest houses, by dividing <i>Guest nights</i> by <i>Guest arrivals</i> and ▪ for holiday flats, units and houses, by dividing <i>Unit nights occupied</i> by <i>Unit lettings</i>.
Bed spaces	<p>Three-quarter beds are counted as one bed space; double beds as two bed spaces. Cots are excluded.</p>
Capacity	<p>Capacity in terms of <i>Guest rooms</i>, <i>Bed spaces</i>, <i>Holiday units</i> or <i>Caravan park sites</i>, etc. is the maximum number available to accommodate paying guests during the survey period. Capacity closed temporarily for seasonal reasons is included.</p>
Caravan park capacity	<p>The total number of <i>On-site vans</i>, <i>Other powered sites</i>, <i>Unpowered sites</i> and <i>Cabins</i>, etc.</p>
Employment	<p>The number of persons working at accommodation establishments at the end of the survey period (including working proprietors and those working on other than accommodation activities).</p>
Establishments	<p>For hotels, motels and guest houses, caravan parks and visitor hostels, the number of establishments within the scope of the survey which operated for any part of the survey period, or which closed temporarily for the quarter for seasonal reasons.</p>
Guest arrivals	<p>The total number of paying guests counted only on the first night they stayed at the accommodation establishment.</p>
Letting entities	<p>For holiday flats, units and houses, the number of owners, managers or real estate agents within the scope of the survey who operated for any part of the survey period.</p>
Occupancy	<p>Occupancy in terms of <i>Room nights</i>, <i>Unit nights</i> or <i>Site nights occupied</i> refers to the total number of nights each guest room, holiday unit or caravan park site, etc. was occupied during the survey period. NOTE: From September quarter 1992, caravan park sites, etc. permanently reserved for 2 months or more at the end of the survey period but only casually occupied by their tenants have been recorded continuously as <i>Site nights occupied</i> irrespective of whether the tenants of individual sites were in residence on any particular night.</p> <p>Occupancy in terms of <i>Guest nights</i> refers to the total number of nights each paying guest stayed during the survey period.</p>
Occupancy rates	<p><i>Occupancy rates</i> represent occupancy expressed as a percentage of total capacity available during the survey period, e.g.</p> $\text{Room occupancy rate (\%)} \text{ for the period} = \frac{\text{Room nights occupied}}{(\text{Guest rooms}) \times (\text{No. of days in the period})} \times 100$ <p>providing that, for establishments closing (other than for seasonal reasons) or opening during the survey period, the denominator of the above expression includes only operating periods.</p>

GLOSSARY

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Other sites permanently reserved	The total number of powered and unpowered sites, on-site vans and cabins, etc. continuously let for 2 months or more by the end of the survey period to tenants who occupy the sites only on a casual or sporadic basis. Separate data for this item are available only from September quarter 1992.
Room nights available	The number of guest rooms available multiplied by the number of days for which they were available during the survey period. For establishments closing (other than for seasonal reasons) or opening during the survey period, operating periods only are included.
Sites occupied by long-term guests	The total number of sites, etc. occupied at the end of the survey period by guests who have stayed continuously for 2 months or more.
Star grading	The grading of hotels and motels with facilities based on the classification system used by members of the Australian Automobile Association (AAA). The gradings are allocated according to a points system based on the amenities and facilities available to guests. Details of the grading scheme are contained in the RACV-RAASA members' publication <i>Accommodation Australia</i> , or the individual tour guides produced by members of the AAA. For the purpose of classifying establishments to a star grading in this publication, 'half' star gradings are ignored (e.g. a two and a half star grading has been shown as two star).
Takings from accommodation	Revenue received from the provision of accommodation. Takings from meals are excluded. Takings from accommodation for each month generally represent the takings received during that month. Where payments are received in advance of, or after, the provision of accommodation to guests, the monthly figure for takings from accommodation may not necessarily bear a direct relationship to the number of guests accommodated during the month. Rental and storage fees paid to caravan parks for the keeping of private vans in parks are included in the takings of the month they are received.
Unit lettings	The total number of times a holiday flat, unit or house was occupied by a new tenant, counted only on the first night it was occupied by the new tenant.





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