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Introduction

ABOUT THIS ATLAS

This Social Atlas is one of a series of atlases of Australian capital cities. It contains maps illustrating a range of social, demographic and economic characteristics of the population of Darwin and Palmerston using data collected in the 2001 Census of Population and Housing. A commentary accompanying each map briefly analyses these characteristics and highlights the main features. Commentary appearing in italics refers to other map topics contained in this atlas.

The region mapped in this atlas is the Urban Centre of Darwin and the Urban Centre of Palmerston. The number of people counted in the Urban Centre of Darwin on Census Night, 7 August 2001, excluding overseas visitors, was 68,694, and there were 20,505 people in the Urban Centre of Palmerston.

ABOUT THE CENSUS

The 2001 Census of Population and Housing aimed at counting every person who spent Census Night, 7 August 2001, in Australia. This included people in private dwellings, non-private dwellings, camping out, on vessels in or between Australian ports, and on overnight transport. All people, including visitors and tourists, were counted where they actually spent Census Night, which may not have been where they usually lived.

All private dwellings were counted, whether occupied or unoccupied. Occupied non-private dwellings, such as hotels, motels, hospitals and prisons, were also included.

A set of core topics has been selected from the characteristics of the population to enable comparability between atlases. In addition, some city-specific topics have been included in this atlas because of their particular relevance to Darwin and Palmerston. These are: Domestic visitors; People born overseas; People born in South-East Asia; People attending tertiary institutions; Managers, administrators, professionals and associate professionals; Owner-occupied dwellings; and Dwellings being purchased.

Unless stated otherwise, maps in this atlas exclude overseas visitors to Australia.

Topics are mapped by Collection Districts (CDs), which are the smallest geographic areas used for collection and dissemination of census data. In towns and cities there are usually between 200 to 300 dwellings in each CD and where possible they have easily identified boundaries, such as streets and waterways.

CDs are the basic building blocks for the aggregation of statistics to larger areas, such as Statistical Local Areas (SLAs) and Local Government Areas (LGAs). As can be seen from the maps, CDs vary in shape and size.

SLAs are geographic areas bounding one or more CDs and, in Darwin and Palmerston, generally represent individual suburbs. SLAs used in the Census were those appearing in *Statistical Geography: Volume 1— Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC)* (cat. no. 1216.0), effective 1 July 2001.

mapped characteristic. With the exception of two topics, 'Population density' and 'Average household size', the maps express the various characteristics as a percentage of the relevant population; e.g., unemployed people as a percentage of the labour force. 'Population density' shows the number of people per square kilometre, while 'Average

Each topic is mapped using different colours to represent different proportions of the

household size' shows the average number of people per occupied private dwelling.

MAP TOPICS

STATISTICAL BOUNDARIES

INTERPRETING THE MAPS

MAP SYMBOLS

Maps are oriented conventionally with north to the top of the page, and each map is accompanied by a legend showing the colour and values for each class of the mapped data. CDs containing less than 50 people have been left unshaded.

The maps show major roads, selected coastline and CD boundaries. The following symbols are used on the maps:

CD boundary
Coastline
Major roads

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MAP LEGEND

The map legend identifies the colours used to shade each class on a map e.g.



For simplicity, the ranges are shown as '15–22', '22–30' and so on. These should be read as, for example, 'from 15 to less than 22'. Individual values will appear in one range only.

CLASS INTERVAL SELECTION

Selecting appropriate class intervals for each map is a key aspect of representing statistical data. For each map, five classes have been used so that the reader is able to distinguish each class clearly. Class intervals which reflect the distribution of the data were calculated using the Dalenius-Hodges algorithm¹. The aim of this clustering algorithm is to group CDs with similar values in the same class. Therefore, the number of CDs in each class will vary between topics, depending on the distribution of the population being mapped.

NON-RESIDENTIAL AND FARM LAND

No distinction has been drawn between residential land and non-residential and farm land within a CD. The census data are assumed to be homogeneous, or evenly spread, across the entire CD, even across large parklands and industrial estates, etc. The exception to this is the CD covering the airport which has been modified to encompass just the residential area of the RAAF base.

REFERENCE MAPS

Reference maps are also included with this atlas showing:

- SLAs in relation to the mapped area (p. 41);
- Postal Areas based on CD boundaries (p. 42); and
- selected locations noted in the text accompanying the maps (p. 43).

These may be photocopied to produce overlays to be placed on the CD-based maps.

¹ T. Dalenius & J. L. Hodges, Jr, 'Minimum variance stratification', *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, vol. 54, 1959, pp. 88–101.

COMPARABILITY WITH 1996 ATLAS

Birthplace For the 2001 Census, birthplace was classified to the new *Standard Australian*

Classification of Countries (SACC) (cat. no. 1269.0). In the 1996 Census, the Australian Standard Classification of Countries for Social Statistics (ASCCSS) was used. This change in classification has had no impact on the data aggregated for inclusion in this

atlas.

Qualifications For the 2001 Census, qualifications data were coded to the new Australian Standard

Classification of Education (ASCED) (cat. no. 1272.0) which replaced the

ABS Classification of Qualifications (ABSCQ) used for the 1996 Census. The new classification includes non-school qualifications such as Certificate Level qualifications

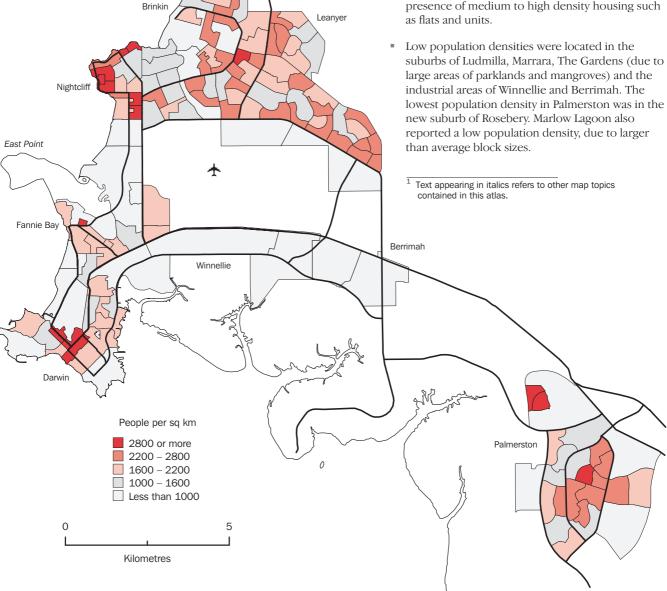
which may be attained while the person is still attending school.

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Population density

Number of people per square kilometre

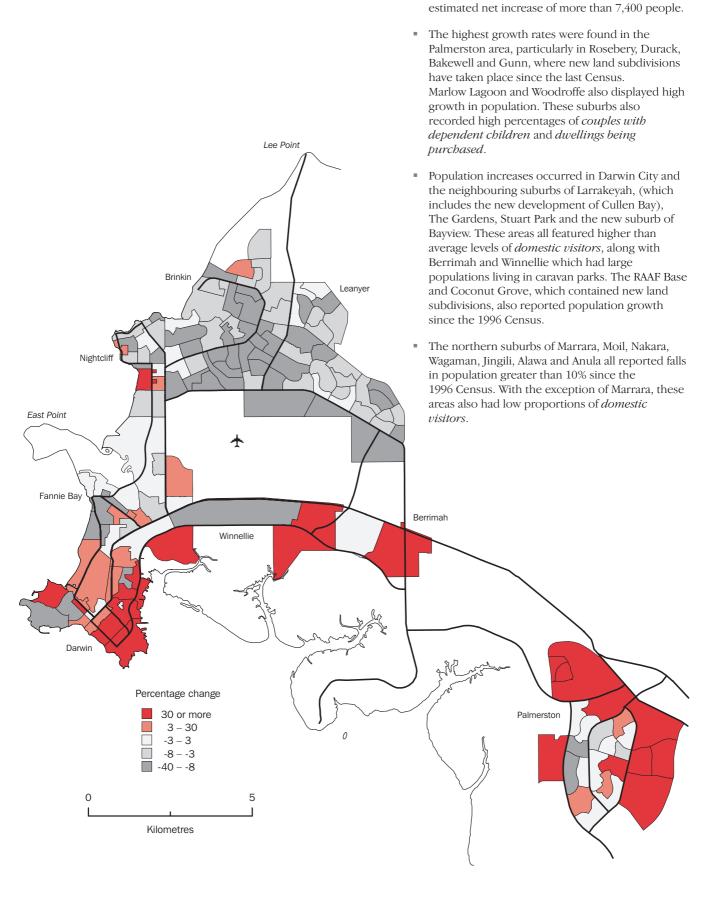
- At the 2001 Census 89,199 people were counted in the Darwin and Palmerston mapped area, excluding overseas visitors. This was 44.0% of the population of the Northern Territory. The overall population density for the mapped area was 1,017 people per square kilometre.
- Population density is influenced by factors such as housing density, the number of people living in a dwelling, and the amount of non-residential land in a suburb, for example, parks, factories, airports and sporting facilities.
- The highest population densities were in Wagaman, Karama and Nightcliff in the northern suburbs of Darwin. Wulagi, Malak, Moil and Leanyer also had high population densities, as did Gray, Woodroffe and Bakewell in Palmerston. Families with children and high average household size¹ contributed to high population densities generally. In suburbs such as Nightcliff the high population density was affected by the presence of medium to high density housing such as flats and units.



Lee Point

Population change

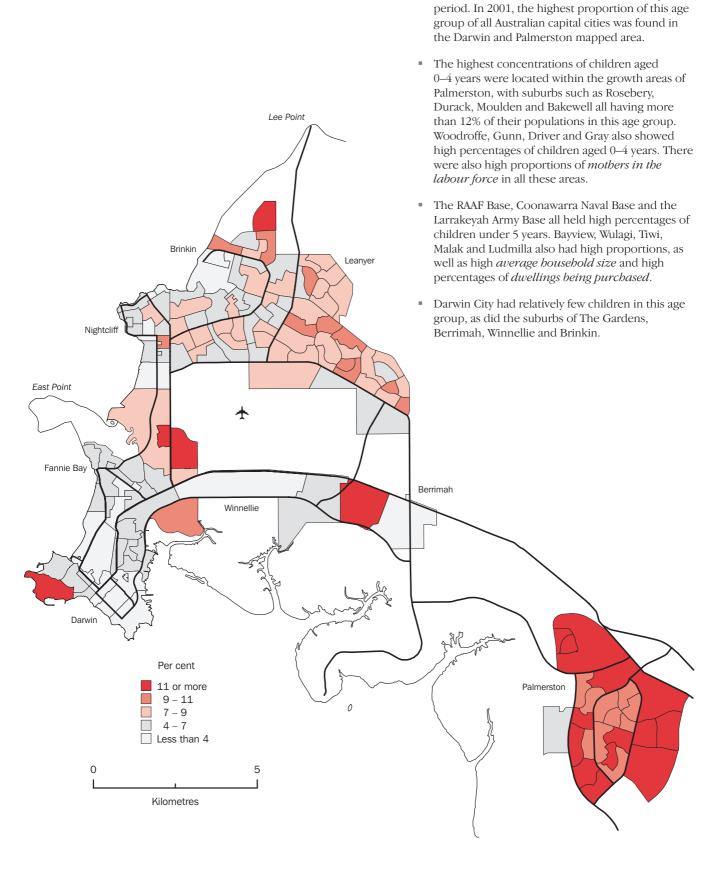
Percentage change in population between the 1996 and 2001 Censuses



 The population of the mapped area, including overseas visitors, increased by 8.8% between the 1996 and 2001 Censuses. This represents an

People aged 0-4 years

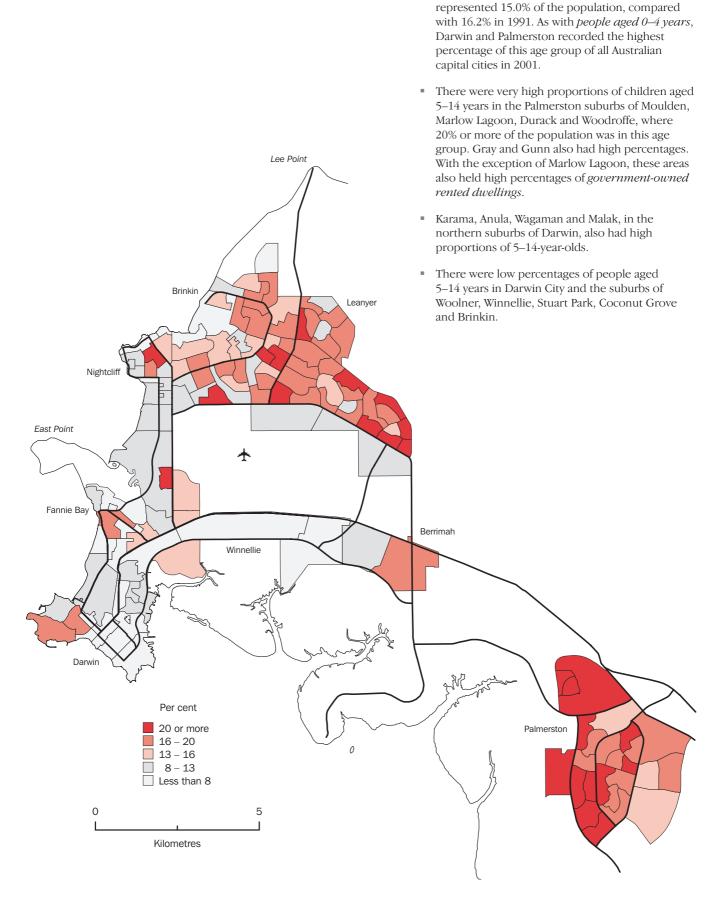
As a percentage of the total population



• Of the 89,199 people counted in Darwin and Palmerston at the 2001 Census, 7,002 (7.8%) were aged less than 5 years. This compares with 8.6% at the 1991 Census and 8.3% in 1996, reflecting a continual decline in birth rates over the ten year

People aged 5-14 years

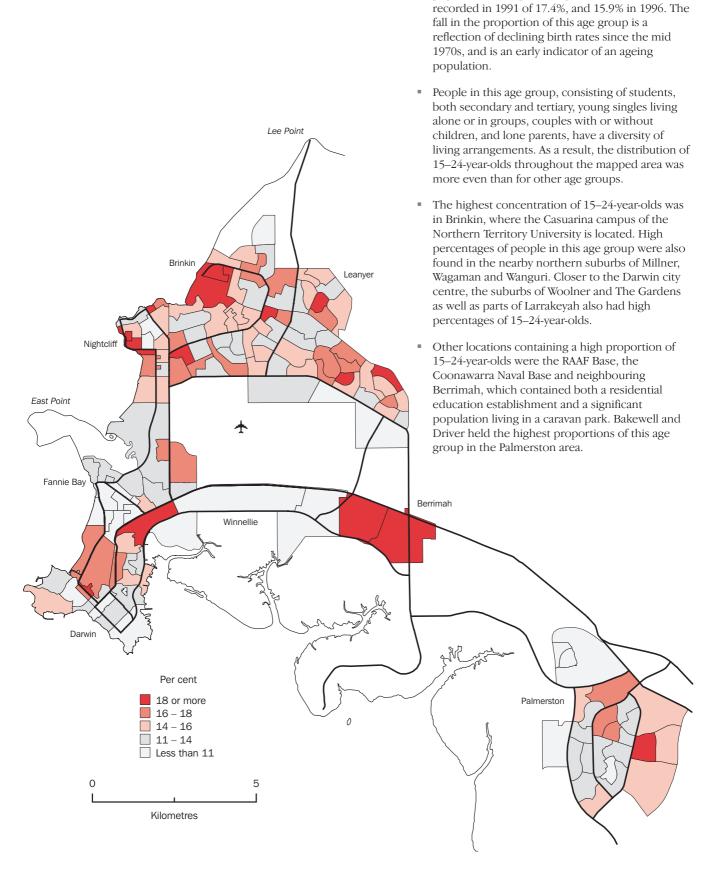
As a percentage of the total population



• At the 2001 Census there were 13,364 people aged 5–14 years in Darwin and Palmerston. This

People aged 15-24 years

As a percentage of the total population



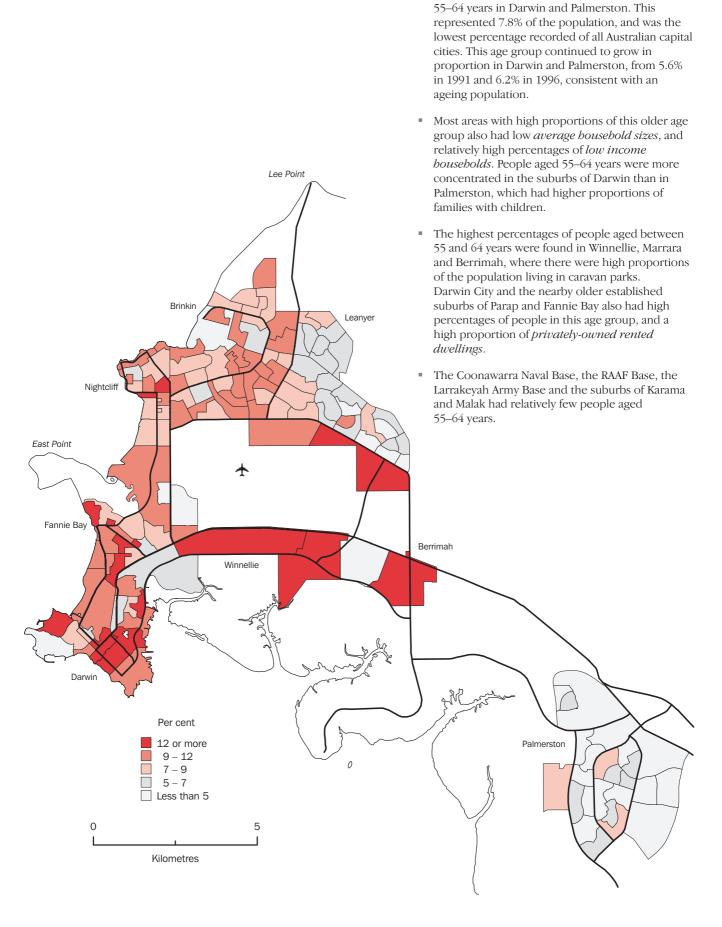
There were 12,987 people aged between 15 and 24 years counted in Darwin and Palmerston at the

population. This percentage was below the levels

2001 Census. This was 14.6% of the total

People aged 55-64 years

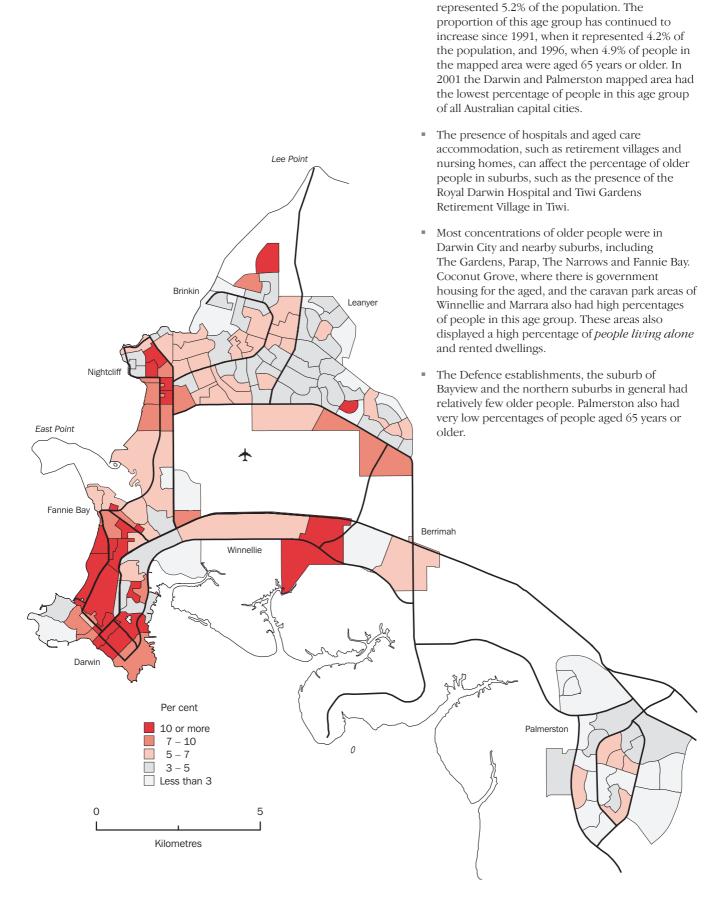
As a percentage of the total population



• At the 2001 Census there were 6,951 people aged

People aged 65 years or older

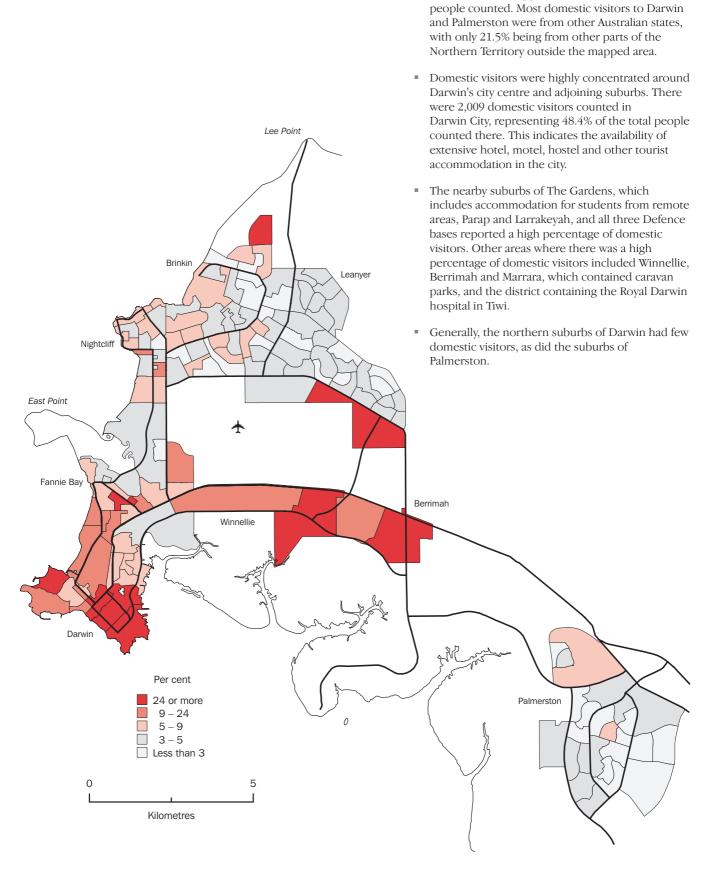
As a percentage of the total population



At the 2001 Census there were 4,637 people aged 65 years or older in Darwin and Palmerston. This

Domestic visitors

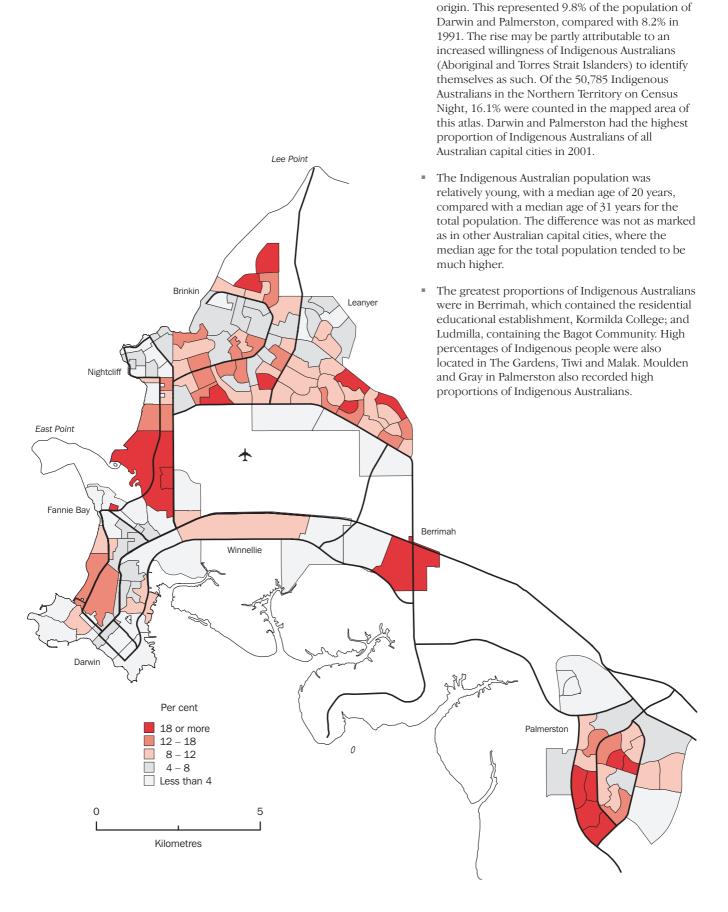
As a percentage of the total population



Of the 89,199 people counted in Darwin and Palmerston at the 2001 Census, 7,465 Australian residents who usually lived elsewhere were counted in the mapped area. This was 8.4% of all

Indigenous Australians

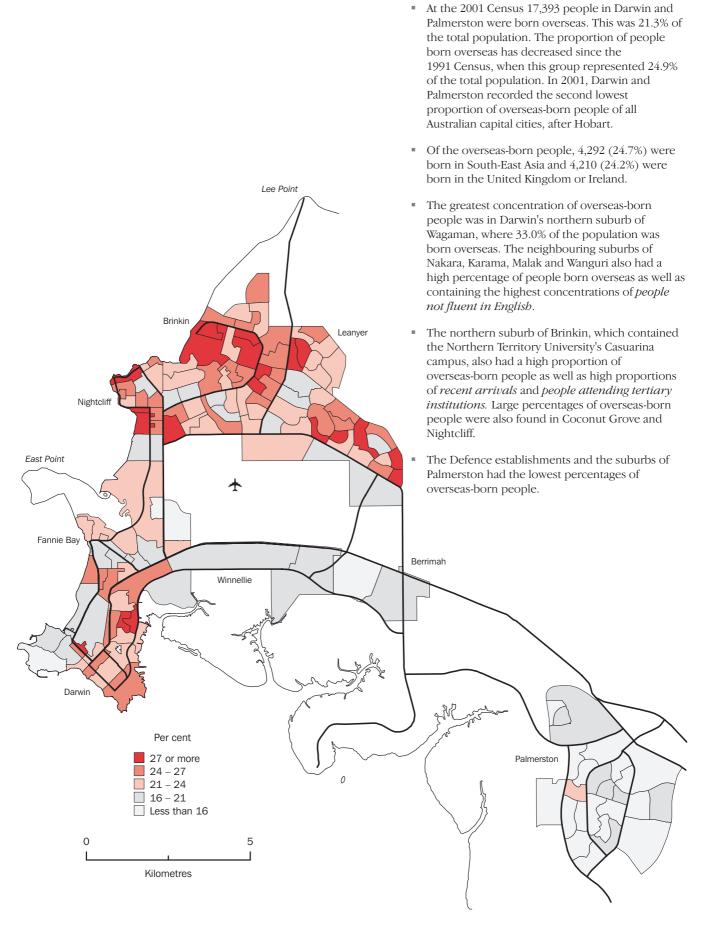
As a percentage of the total population



 At the 2001 Census, 8,186 people indicated that they were of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander

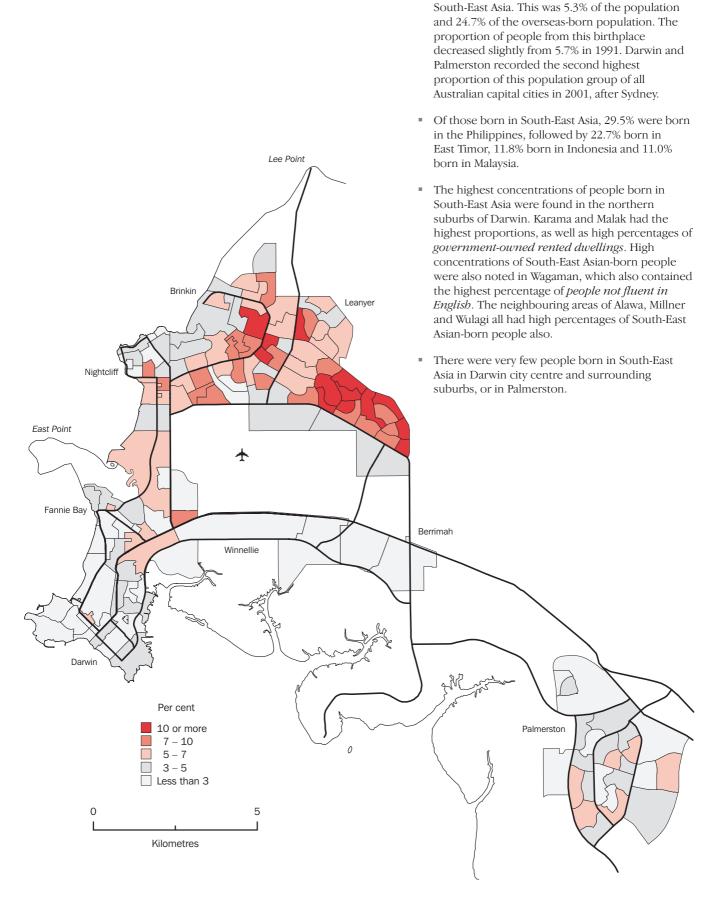
People born overseas

As a percentage of the total population



People born in South-East Asia

As a percentage of the total population



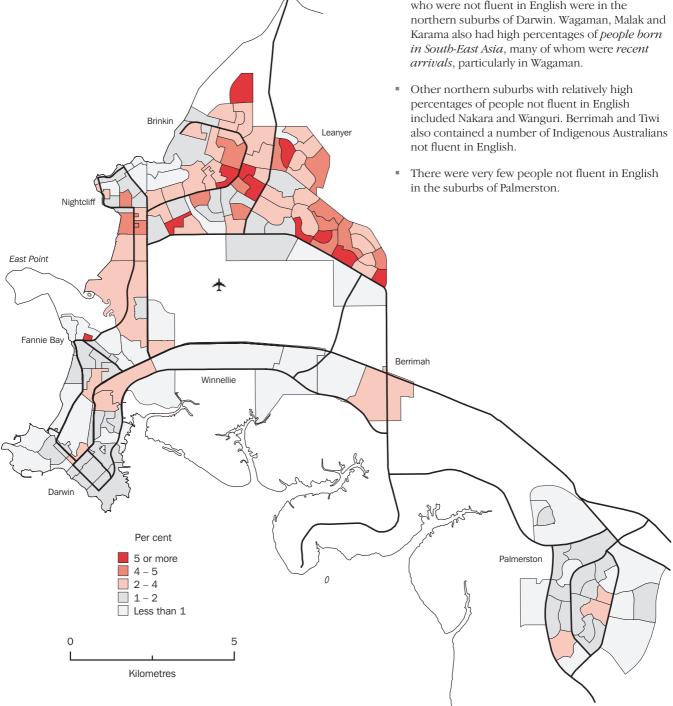
In Darwin and Palmerston at the 2001 Census there were 4,292 people who were born in

People not fluent in English

People who did not speak English well or at all as a percentage of all people aged 5 years or older

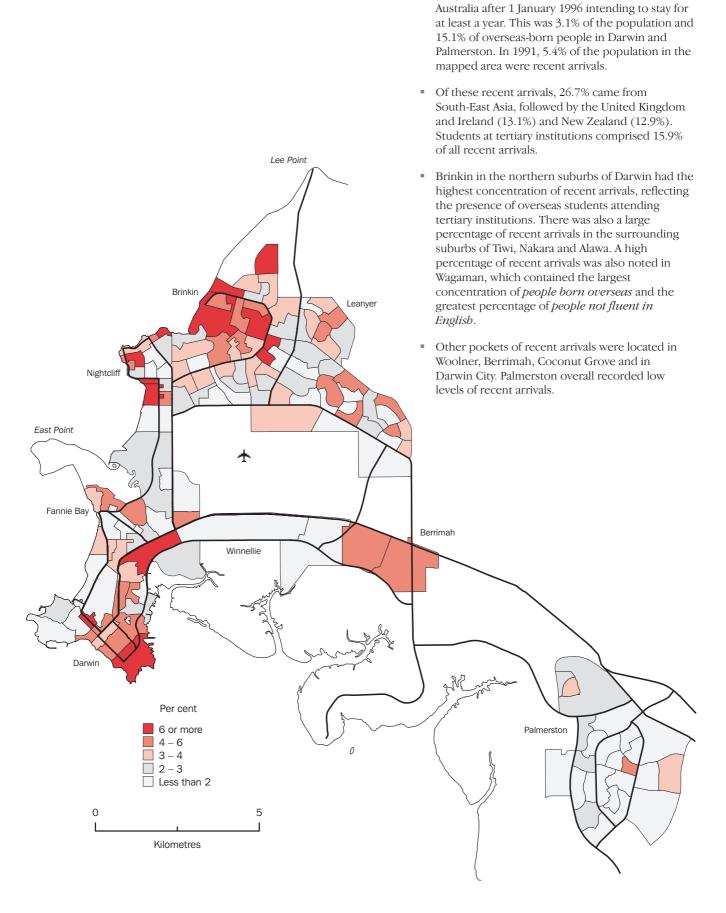
Lee Point

- At the 2001 Census there were 1,723 people in Darwin and Palmerston who spoke a language other than English at home and did not speak English well or at all. This was 2.3% of the population aged 5 years and over, compared with 2.8% in 1991.
- Of those people not fluent in English, 36.2% were born in South-East Asia and 28.7% were born in Southern and Eastern Europe. Indigenous Australians comprised 7.4% of all people not fluent in English.
- The areas with the highest percentages of people who were not fluent in English were in the in South-East Asia, many of whom were recent



Recent arrivals

As a percentage of the total population



 At the 2001 Census there were 2,489 overseas-born people counted in the mapped area who arrived in

People with university qualifications

As a percentage of the labour force

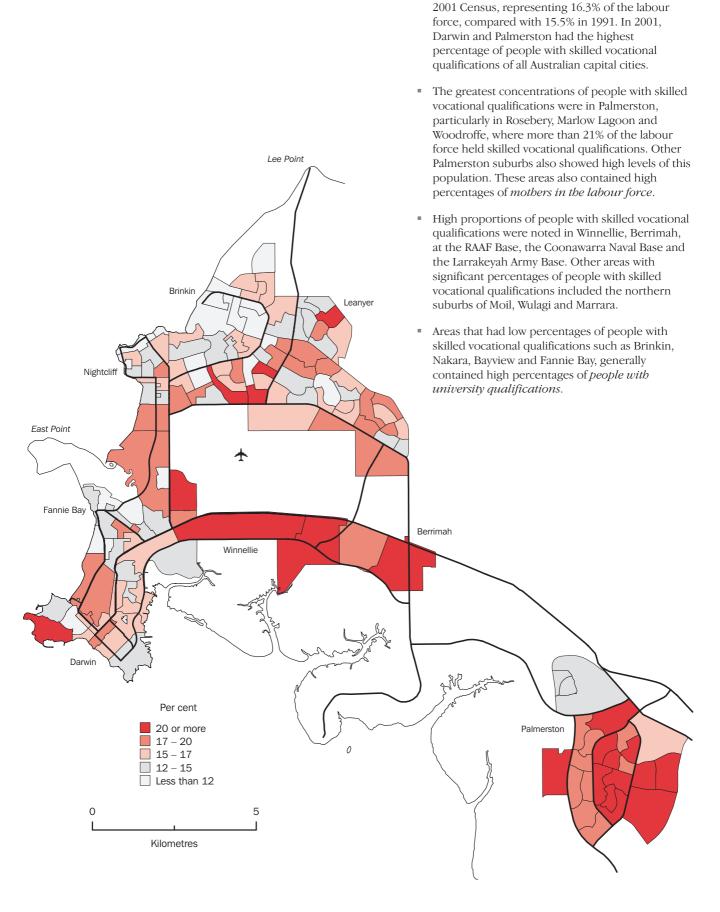
At the 2001 Census there were 8,595 people in the labour force with a degree or higher qualification in Darwin and Palmerston, representing 18.8% of the labour force, compared with 12.4% in 1991.
 Most people (72.8%) with university qualifications held a Bachelor degree, 15.0% held a higher degree and 12.2% held a postgraduate diploma. Just over half (53.9%) of those with university qualifications were female. Of those with university qualifications, 39.3% had completed their highest

qualification since 1996.

Lee Point People with university qualifications were generally found in the northern suburbs of Darwin and those surrounding the city centre. High percentages of people in the labour force with a degree or higher qualification were located in the university suburb of Brinkin and the nearby areas of Rapid Creek, Nightcliff, Nakara and Tiwi. These areas also had a high percentage of high income bouseholds and managers, administrators, professionals and associate professionals. Brinkin Leanyer Other areas with high percentages of graduates included Darwin City, Fannie Bay, The Gardens and Larrakeyah. These suburbs also contained high percentages of DINKs and high income Nightcliff households. There were few university graduates in most of the suburbs of Palmerston. Fast Point Fannie Bay Berrimah Winnellie Darwin Per cent 27 or more Palmerston 22 – 27 16 – 22 11 – 16 Less than 11 0 Kilometres

People with skilled vocational qualifications

As a percentage of the labour force



In Darwin and Palmerston there were 7,415 people with skilled vocational qualifications at the

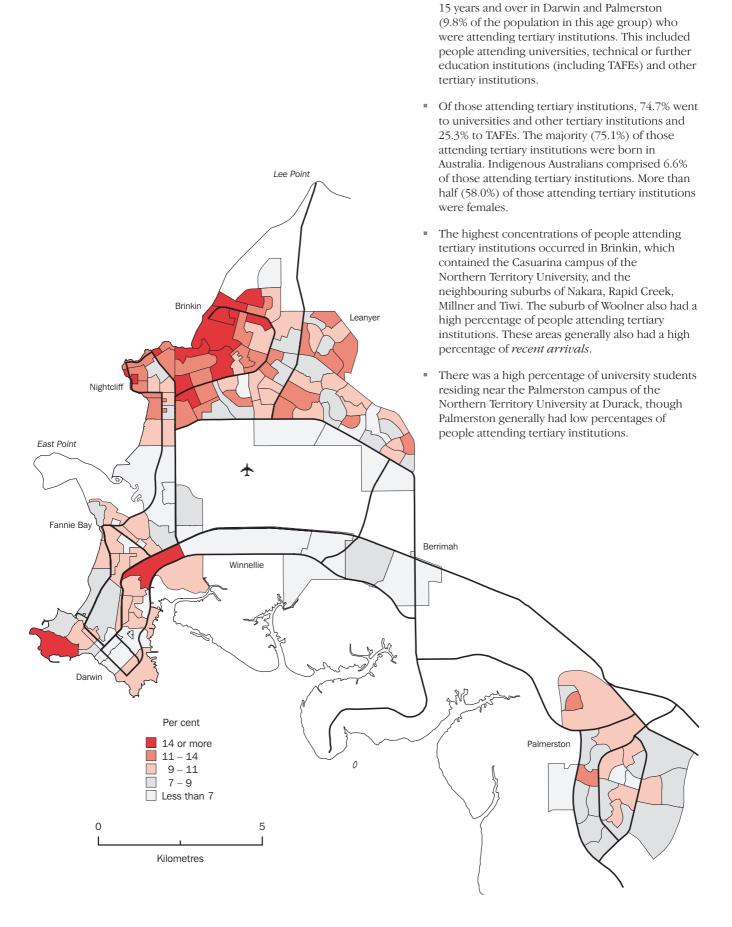
People without qualifications

As a percentage of the labour force

- At the 2001 Census there were 22,510 people in the labour force of Darwin and Palmerston without non-school qualifications. This was 49.4% of the labour force. The proportion of people without qualifications has fallen over the last ten years, from 59.8% in 1991 and 55.0% in 1996. Over 55% of the labour force reported having no qualifications in Moulden, Gray, Bakewell and Woodroffe in Palmerston. With the exception of Bakewell, these suburbs also had high proportions of low income households and government-owned rented dwellings. In Darwin, Malak, Wagaman, Karama and Winnellie displayed more than 55% of the labour force having no non-school qualifications. Berrimah, the Coonawarra Naval Base and Ludmilla also had a high proportion of people in the labour force without qualifications. Areas with high percentages of this group also generally contained high levels of unemployed people. The Gardens, Rapid Creek and Darwin City contained the lowest proportions of people without qualifications.
- Lee Point Brinkin Leanyer Nightcliff Fast Point Fannie Bay Berrimah Winnellie Darwin Per cent 58 or more Palmerston **53** – 58 47 – 53 42 – 47 Less than 42 0 Kilometres

People attending tertiary institutions

As a percentage of all people aged 15 years or older



• At the 2001 Census there were 6,251 people aged

Average household size

Brinkin

People
3.1 or more

2.8 – 3.1 2.4 – 2.8 1.9 – 2.4 Less than 1.9

Kilometres

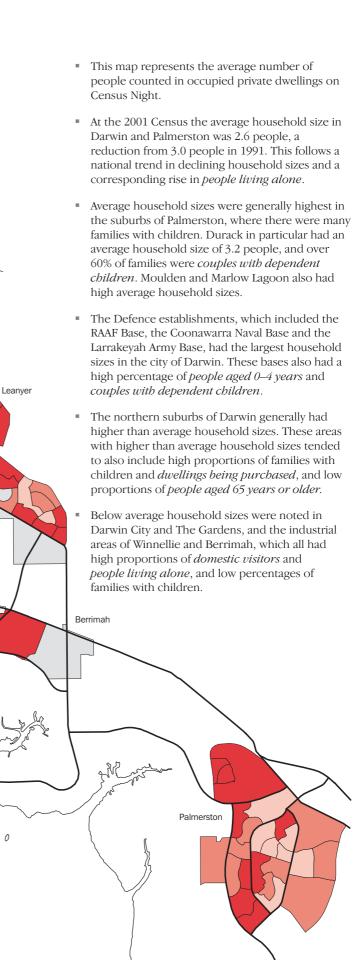
Nightcliff

Fast Point

Fannie Bay

Lee Point

People in occupied private dwellings

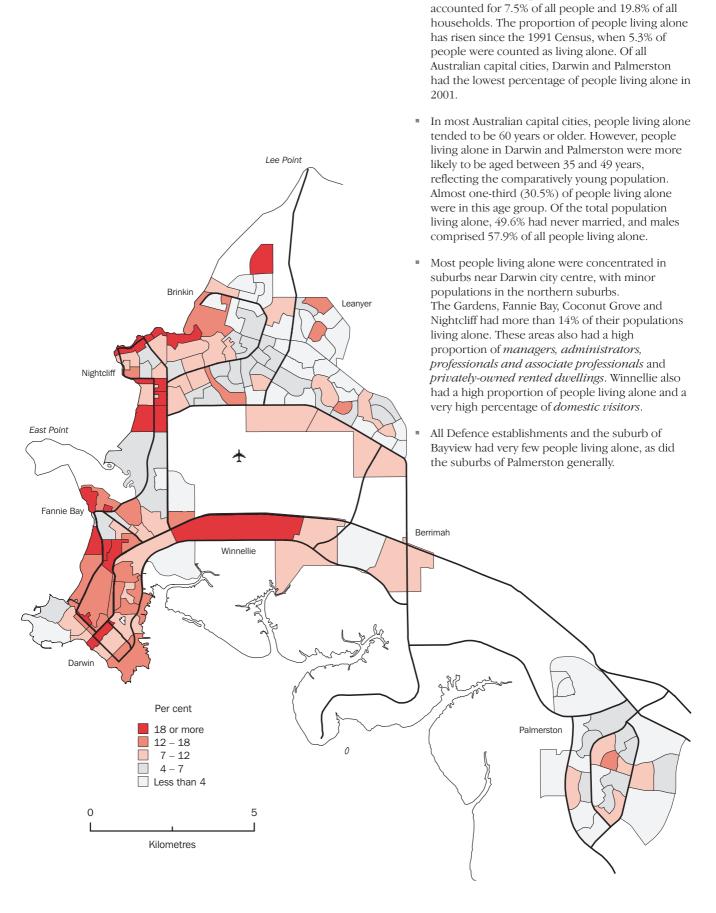


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Winnellie

People living alone

As a percentage of the total population

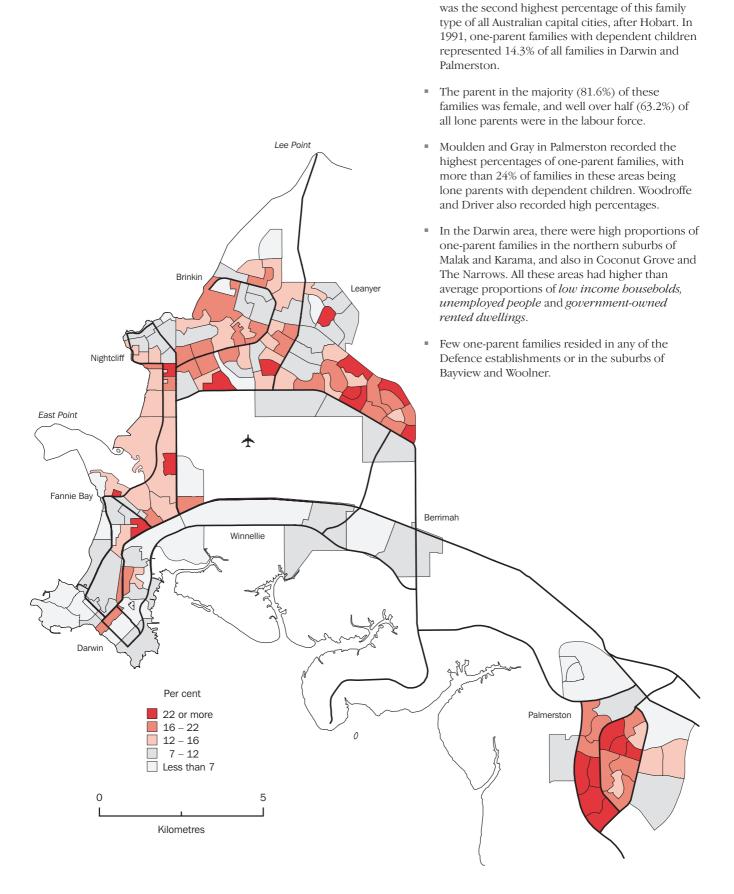


 At the 2001 Census, 6,383 people in Darwin and Palmerston were reported as living alone. This

One-parent families with dependent children

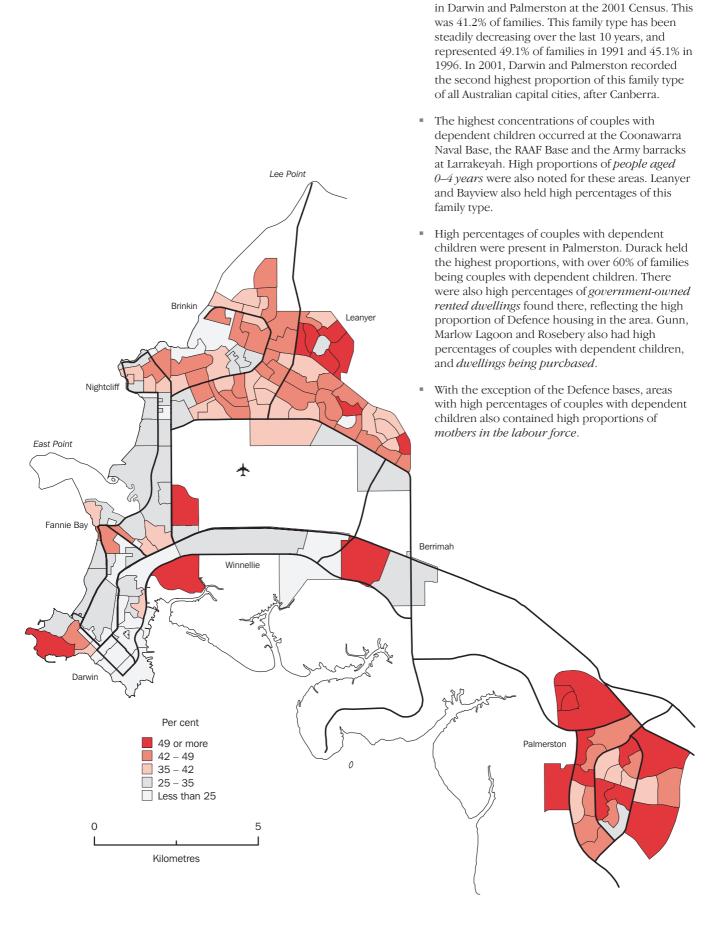
At the 2001 Census 2,970 (14.0%) of the 21,172 families in Darwin and Palmerston were one-parent families with dependent children. This

As a percentage of all families



Couples with dependent children

As a percentage of all families



There were 8,727 couples with dependent children

DINKs (double income, no kids)

Brinkin

Per cent

18 or more

12 - 18 8 - 12 5 - 8 Less than 5

Kilometres

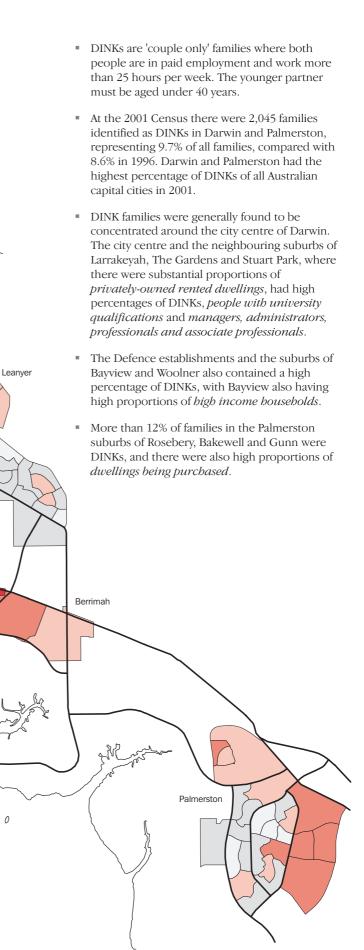
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Lee Point

As a percentage of all families



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Low income households

Nightcliff

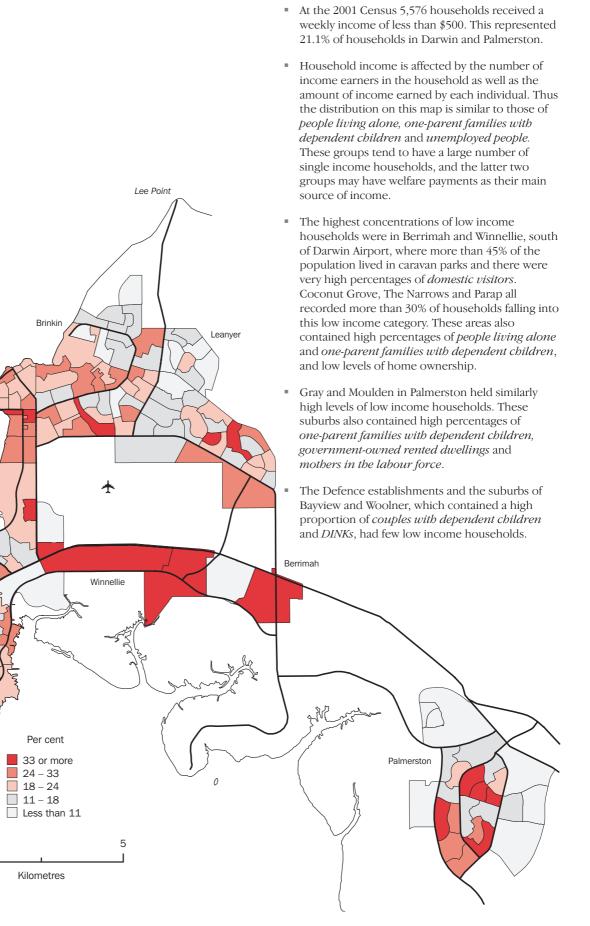
Fast Point

Fannie Bay

Darwin

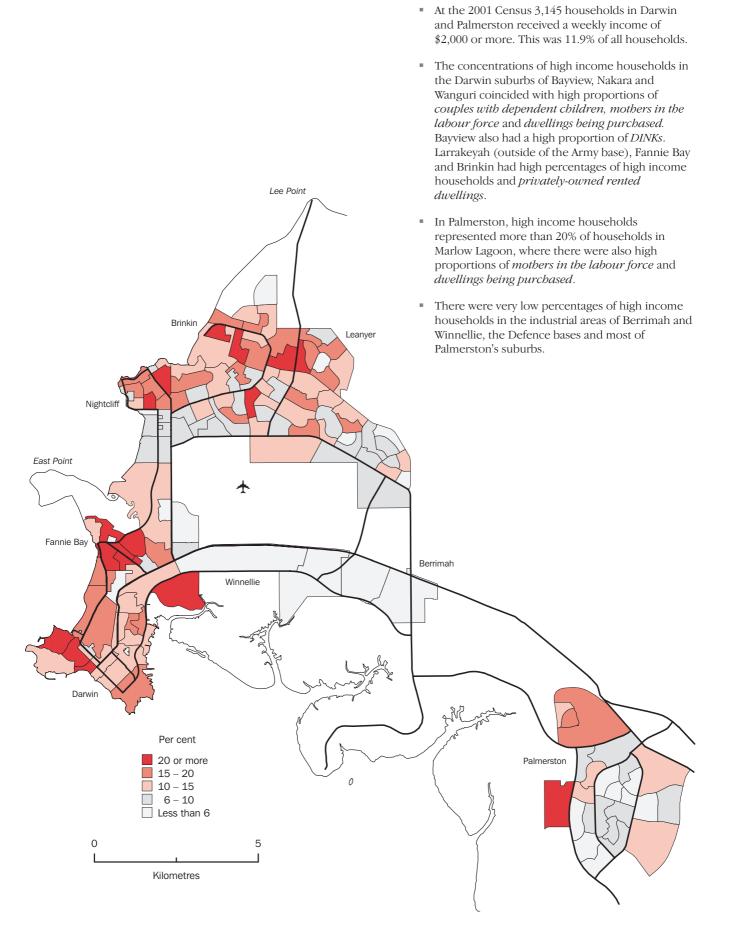
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Percentage of households with weekly income under \$500



High income households

Percentage of households with weekly income of \$2,000 or more



Unemployed people

As a percentage of the labour force

Brinkin

Per cent

13 or more

9 - 13 6 - 9 4 - 6 Less than 4

Kilometres

Winnellie

Nightcliff

East Point

Fannie Bay

Darwin

0

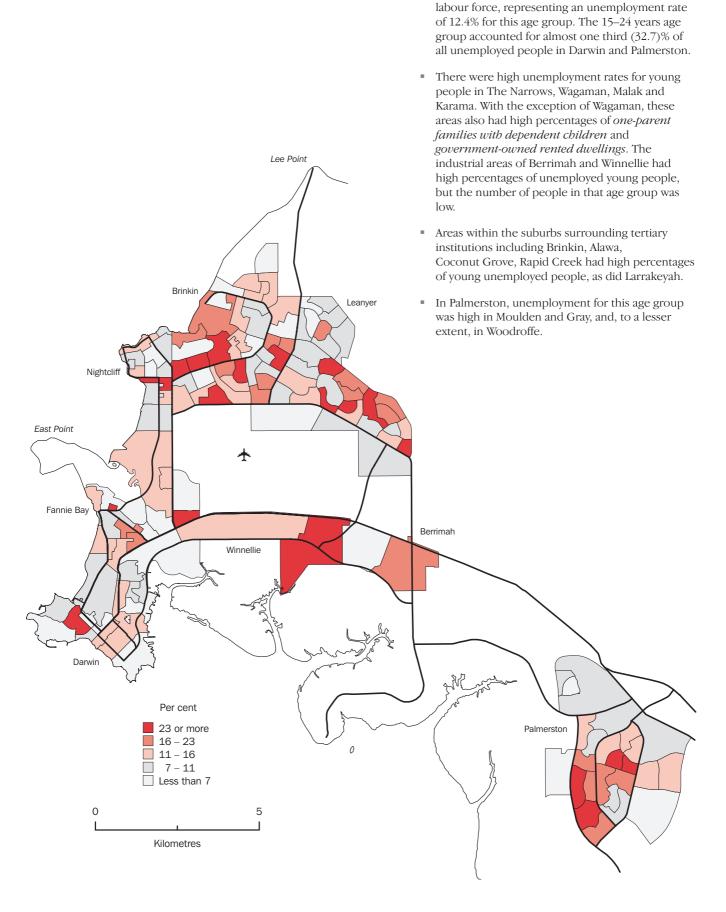
Lee Point

Leanyer

• At the 2001 Census there were 3,141 unemployed people in Darwin and Palmerston, representing an unemployment rate of 6.6%. The highest rates of unemployment in the city of Darwin occurred in the industrial suburbs of Winnellie and Berrimah, although the overall numbers were low. There were high levels of unemployment in The Narrows, Parap, Ludmilla, Coconut Grove, Wagaman and Malak. In these areas there were also high percentages of people without qualifications and one-parent families with dependent children. Home ownership was generally low in these suburbs, with The Narrows, Coconut Grove and Malak having particularly high proportions of government-owned rented dwellings. Moulden and Gray had the highest unemployment rates in Palmerston, as well as high percentages of one-parent families with dependent children and government-owned rented dwellings. Unemployment was low in the inner-city suburbs of Darwin and at the Defence establishments, the high income suburb of Bayview and the neighbouring suburb of Woolner. Over half of Palmerston's suburbs had low rates of unemployment. Berrimah Palmerston

Unemployed people aged 15-24 years

As a percentage of the labour force aged 15-24 years

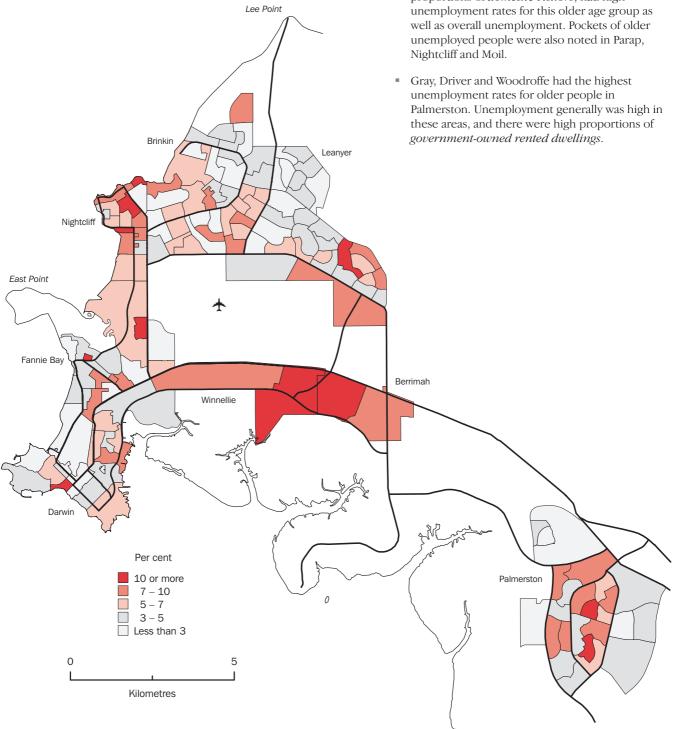


 At the 2001 Census there were 1,029 unemployed people aged 15–24 in the Darwin and Palmerston

Unemployed people aged 45 years or older

As a percentage of the labour force aged 45 years or older

- At the 2001 Census there were 701 unemployed people aged 45 years or older in the Darwin and Palmerston labour force. This represented an unemployment rate of 4.9% for this age group, which was lower than unemployment rates generally for the mapped area.
- Areas with high unemployment rates for this older age group also generally had high proportions of people without qualifications.
- The suburbs of Berrimah and Winnellie, with high proportions of domestic visitors, had high unemployment rates for this older age group as well as overall unemployment. Pockets of older unemployed people were also noted in Parap,



Managers, administrators, professionals and associate professionals

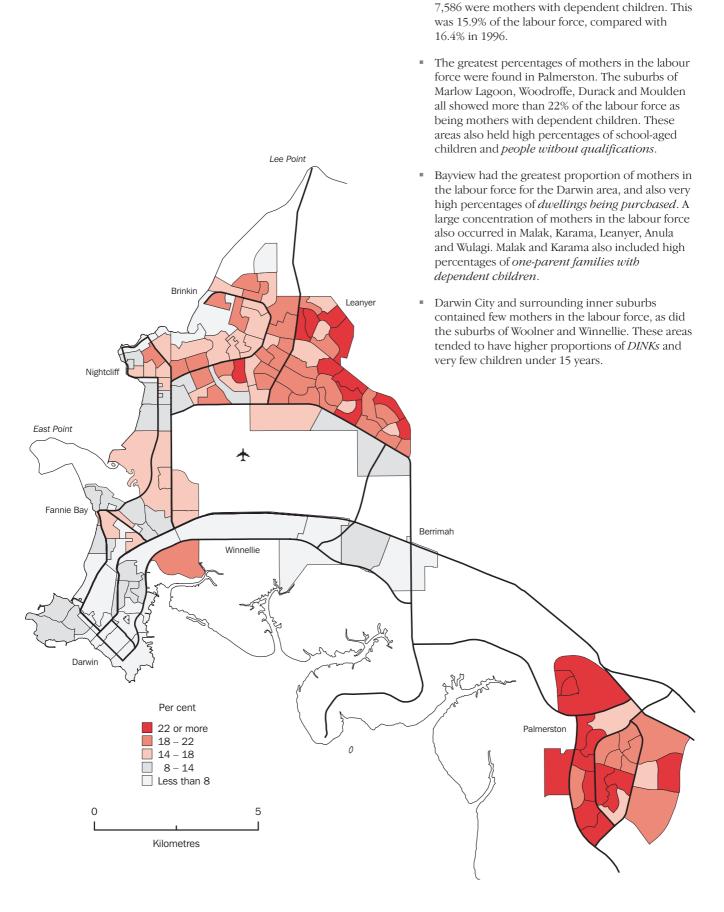
As a percentage of all employed people

At the 2001 Census there were 18,959 people employed as managers, administrators, professionals or associate professionals in Darwin and Palmerston. This was 43.1% of all employed people, compared with 41.2% in 1996. The greatest concentrations of managers, administrators, professionals and associate professionals occurred in the more densely populated city centre of Darwin and surrounding inner suburbs encompassing Fannie Bay, The Gardens, Larrakeyah, Stuart Park, Parap and Bayview. These areas generally had high Lee Point percentages of people with university qualifications and DINKs. Other concentrations of this occupation group were noted in the high income areas within Brinkin, Nightcliff and Rapid Creek, and around the Royal Darwin hospital in Tiwi. In Palmerston, Durack had the highest percentage of managers, administrators, professionals and Brinkin associate professionals. There were also high Leanyer percentages of mothers in the labour force in this suburb. Palmerston generally recorded low percentages of this occupation group. Nightcliff Areas with low proportions of managers, administrators, professionals and associate professionals included the industrial suburbs of Winnellie and Berrimah, the various Defence Fast Point establishments, and the northern suburbs around Malak and Karama. Fannie Bay Berrimah Winnellie Darwin Per cent 54 or more Palmerston 45 – 54 39 – 45 32 – 39 Less than 32 0 Kilometres

Mothers in the labour force

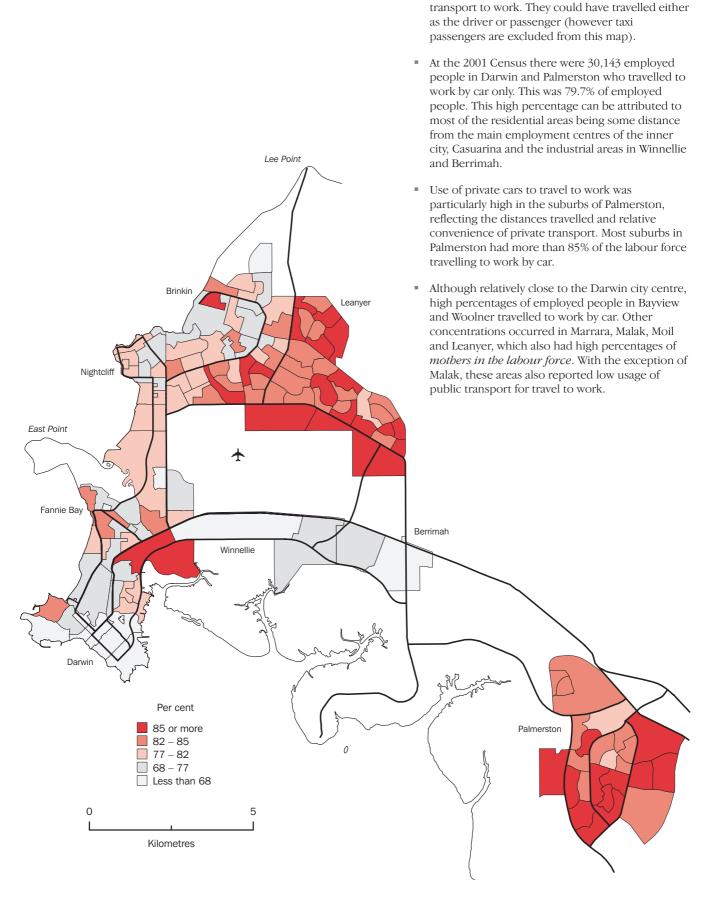
Females, with dependent children, in the labour force as a percentage of the labour force

• Of the 47,564 people in the Darwin and Palmerston labour force at the 2001 Census,



People who travelled to work by car

As a percentage of all employed people

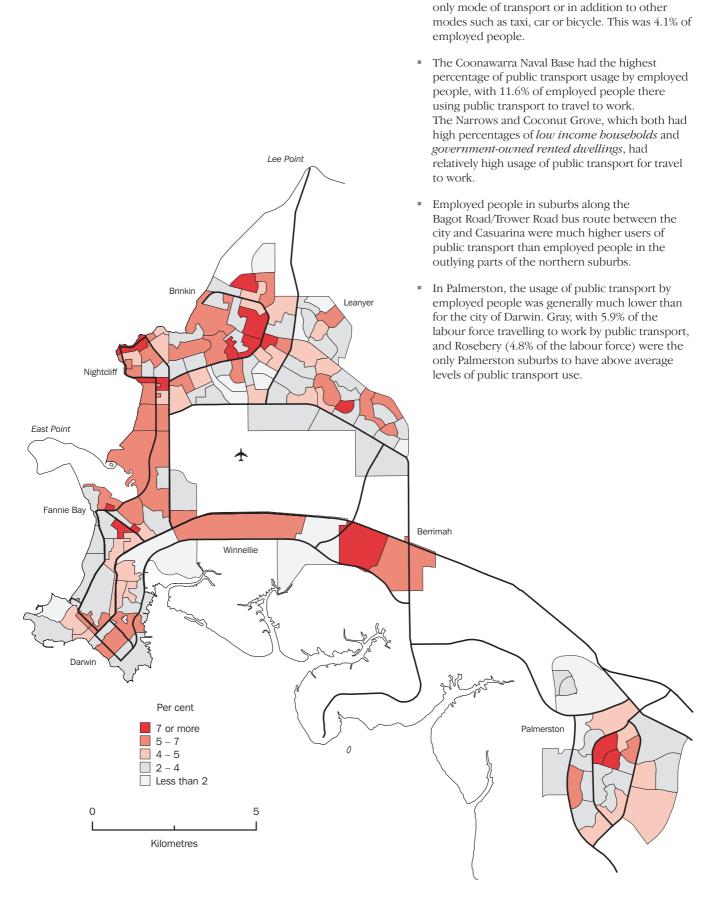


 This map shows those people who, on the day of the Census, used a car as their only mode of

People who travelled to work by public transport

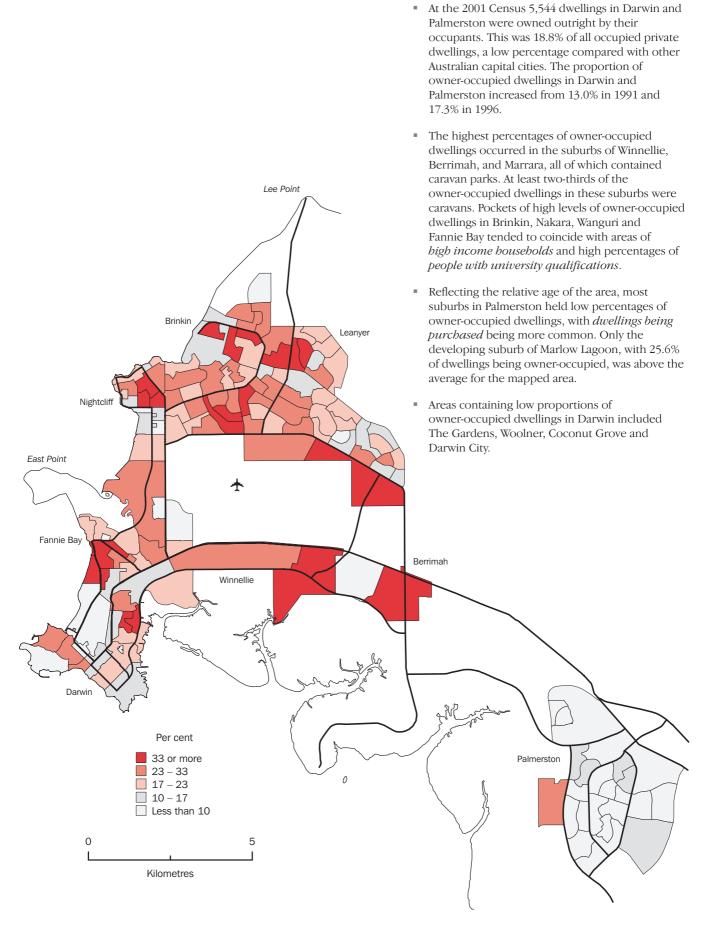
 At the 2001 Census there were 1,547 employed people who travelled to work by bus, either as the

As a percentage of all employed people



Owner-occupied dwellings

As a percentage of all occupied private dwellings



Dwellings being purchased

Brinkin

Per cent

45 or more

36 – 45 28 – 36 19 – 28 Less than 19

Kilometres

Winnellie

Nightcliff

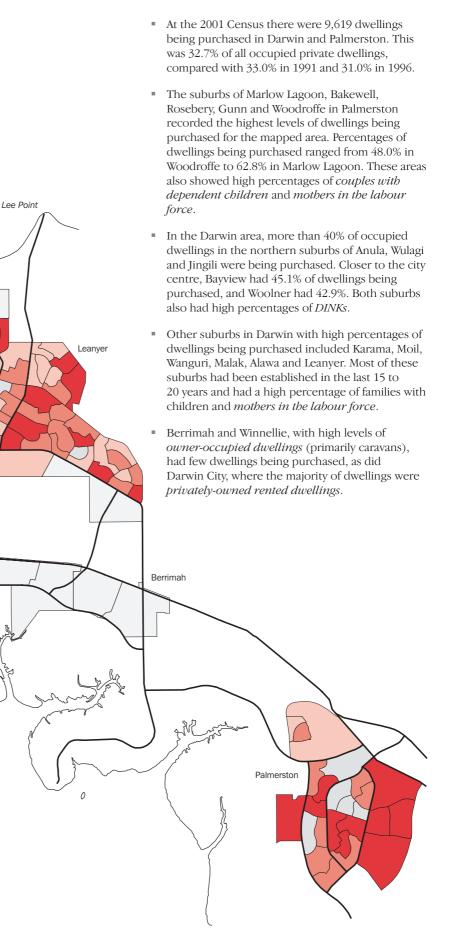
Fast Point

Fannie Bay

Darwin

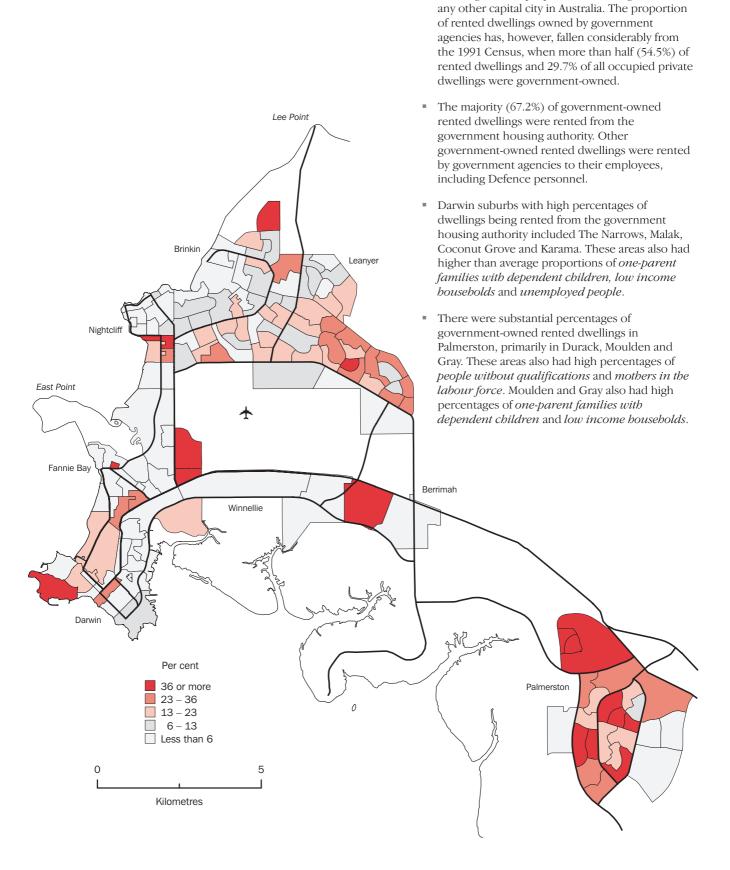
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As a percentage of all occupied private dwellings



Rented dwellings — government-owned

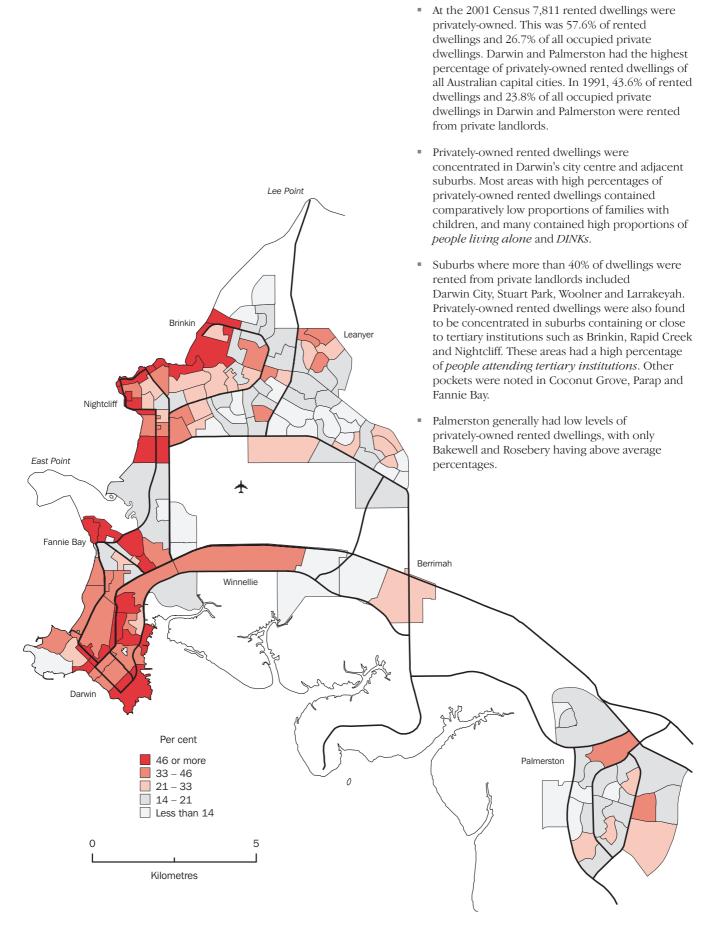
As a percentage of all occupied private dwellings



There were 5,123 dwellings in Darwin at the 2001 Census which were rented from government agencies. This represented 37.7% of rented dwellings and 17.5% of all occupied private dwellings. These proportions were higher than in

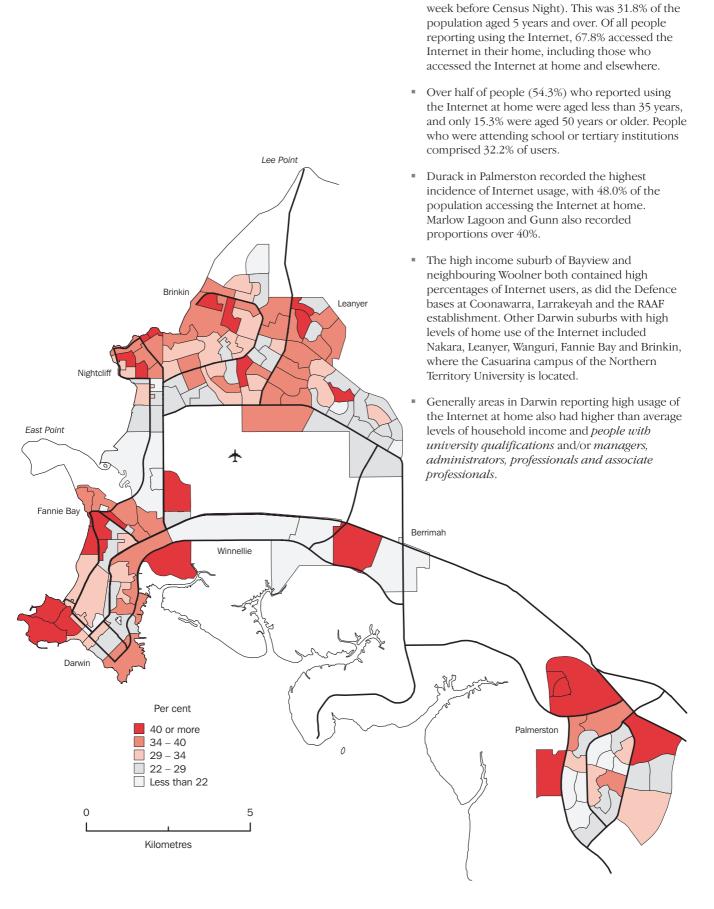
Rented dwellings — privately-owned

As a percentage of all occupied private dwellings



People who used the Internet at home

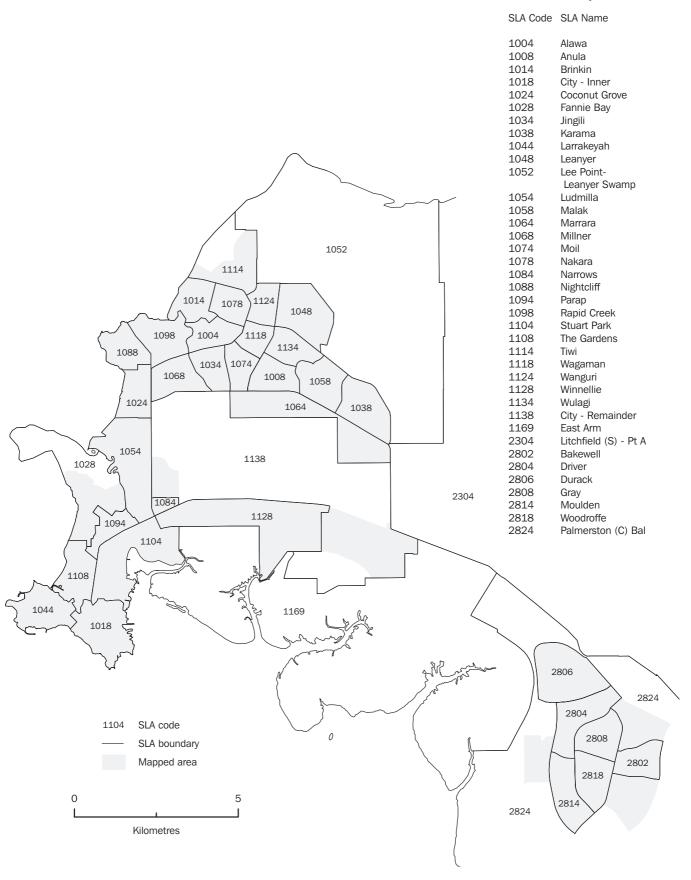
As a percentage of all people aged 5 years or older



 At the 2001 Census 24,268 people in Darwin and Palmerston used the Internet at home (in the

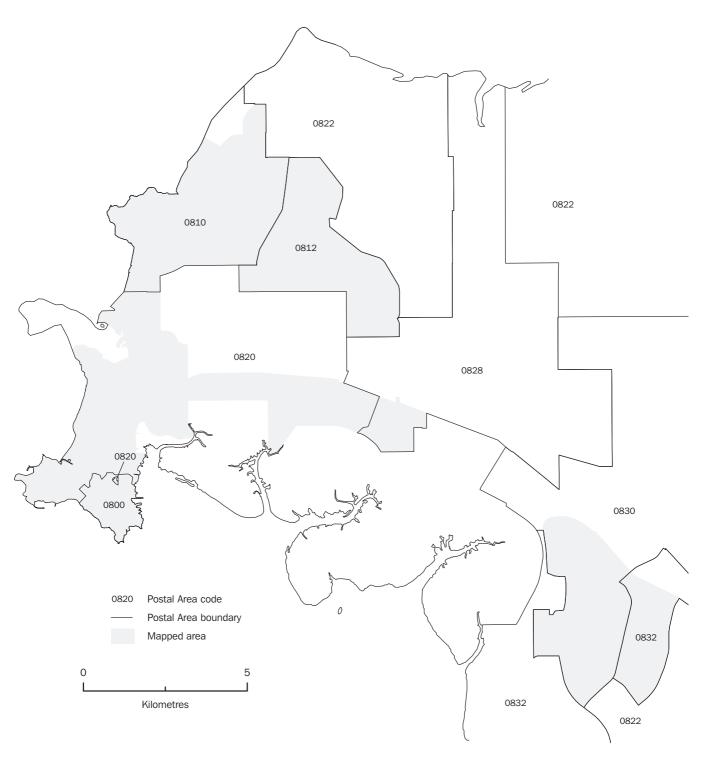
Statistical Local Areas

This map can be used to relate SLA boundaries to social and demographic characteristics shown on the maps in this atlas.



Postal Areas

These Postal Areas are derived from aggregations of 2001 Census collection district boundaries. They are not official Australia Post boundaries.



Locations

This map shows selected locations which have been mentioned in the commentaries which accompany the maps in this atlas.



Glossary

This Glossary contains information about some of the terms used in this atlas. More detailed information about these and other census terms can be found in the *2001 Census Dictionary* (cat. no. 2901.0).

Collection District (CD)

The smallest geographic area used for collection and dissemination of data from the Census of Population and Housing. In urban areas there are usually between 200 and 300 dwellings in each CD.

CDs are redefined for each census and are current only at census time. For the 2001 Census of Population and Housing there were about 37,000 CDs covering the whole of Australia. CDs are amalgamated to form larger geographical areas such as Statistical Local Areas.

Couple

For census purposes, a couple is either married or in a de facto relationship and usually resides in the same household. See also Family.

Dependent children

Children under 15 years of age, or children, in a family, aged 15–24 years who are full-time students attending a secondary or tertiary institution and who have no partner or children of their own usually residing in the household. Dependent children include adopted children, step and foster children. See also Family.

DINKs

This acronym stands for 'double income, no kids'. In this atlas, a DINK is defined as a couple with no children or other relatives present, where both partners work more than 25 hours a week in paid employment and the younger partner is aged under 40 years. See also Family.

Dwelling

A structure which is intended to have people live in it, and which is habitable on Census Night. Some examples of dwellings are houses, motels, flats, caravans, prisons, tents, humpies and houseboats. Dwellings are classified as:

- occupied private dwellings;
- unoccupied private dwellings; or
- non-private dwellings.

See also Occupied private dwelling; Private dwelling; Non-private dwelling.

Dwelling being purchased

A dwelling being purchased and occupied by a usual resident of the household. This category excludes dwellings owned outright and those occupied under a life tenure scheme but includes dwellings being purchased under a rent/buy scheme. See also Dwelling.

Employed persons

People aged 15 years and over who, during the week before Census Night, worked for payment or profit or as unpaid workers in a family business, or who had a job from which they were on leave or otherwise temporarily absent.

English (proficiency in the

language)

People who indicated that they spoke a language other than English at home were asked to state how well they spoke English. Because of the subjective nature of responses to this question in the Census, data on the levels of proficiency in English of people who speak a language other than English at home should be interpreted with care.

Family

Two or more persons, one of whom is at least 15 years of age, who are related by blood, marriage (registered or de facto), adoption, step or fostering and who are usually resident in the same household.

Household

A group of two or more related or unrelated people who usually reside in the same dwelling and make common provision for food and other essentials for living; or a person living alone.

Household income

Calculated by adding together all the individual incomes reported by household members. See also Income.

Income

People aged 15 years and over were asked to state their usual gross weekly income, which is all income before tax, superannuation, health insurance or other deductions are made. Gross income includes family payments, additional family payments, pensions, unemployment benefits, student allowances, maintenance (child support), superannuation, wages, salary, overtime, dividends, rents received, interest received, business or farm income (less operation expenses) and workers' compensation received.

Labour force

Comprises people aged 15 years and over who worked for payment or profit, or as unpaid workers in a family business, during the week prior to Census Night; had a job from which they were on leave or otherwise temporarily absent; were on strike or stood down temporarily; or did not have a job but were actively looking for and available to start work.

Managers, administrators, professionals and associate professionals

These definitions follow the *Australian Standard Classification of Occupations* (cat. no.1220.0). *Managers and administrators* head government, legislative, industrial, commercial, agricultural and other establishments, or departments within these organisations. They determine the policy of the organisation or department, and direct its functioning, usually through other managers, and coordinate economic, social, technical, legal and other policies. *Professionals* perform analytical, conceptual and creative tasks through the application of theoretical knowledge and experience in the fields of science, engineering, business and information, health, education, social welfare and the arts. *Associate professionals* perform complex technical and administrative support functions which require an understanding of the underlying theories and methods of a particular field and significant practical skills. Tasks are often performed in support of professionals. See also Occupation.

Non-private dwelling

This is an establishment which provides a communal or transitory type of accommodation e.g. hotel, motel, prison, religious or charitable institution, defence establishment or hospital. Cared accommodation in retirement villages is included. See also Private dwelling.

Occupation

The ABS uses the *Australian Standard Classification of Occupations* (cat. no. 1220.0) to group employed people into occupations according to the set of tasks that is performed in their jobs. Occupation is collected in the Census for all employed people aged 15 years and over.

Occupied dwelling

Premises occupied by the household on Census Night. See also Private dwelling.

One-parent family

Consists of a lone parent with at least one child (regardless of age) who is usually resident in the family household. The family may also include any number of other related individuals e.g. a sister of the lone parent. See also Dependent children; Family.

Owner-occupied dwelling

A dwelling owned and occupied by a usual resident of the household. This category excludes those dwellings being purchased and those occupied under a life tenure scheme. See also Dwelling.

Private dwelling

Usually a house, flat or part of a house, but can also be a house attached to, or rooms above, shops or offices; an occupied caravan in a caravan park or on a residential allotment; a craft in a marina; a houseboat; or a tent if it is standing on its own block of land. Manufactured home estates and self-care units for the retired or aged are also treated as private dwellings. See also Non-private dwelling.

Public transport

This mode of travel to work is defined as travelling to work by train, bus, ferry or tram. It excludes travelling to work by car or taxi.

Qualifications

The highest level of non-school qualification that the person has obtained, based on the Australian Standard Classification of Education (cat. no. 1272.0). University qualifications include bachelor degrees, higher degrees and postgraduate diplomas. Skilled vocational qualifications are Certificate Level III qualifications. Skilled vocational qualifications provide a high degree of practical skill together with the theoretical and factual knowledge required to work in a specific vocation. This category includes trade and other qualifications. People without qualifications include a small number of people who have a qualification that is out of scope of the classification.

Rented dwelling

Households were asked whether they rented, owned or were purchasing the dwelling in which they were counted on Census Night. Households who were renting were also asked who they were renting from.

South-East Asia

Includes Brunei Darussalam, Burma (Myanmar), Cambodia, East Timor, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam.

Statistical Local Area (SLA)

Consists of one or more Collection Districts. In aggregate, SLAs cover the whole of Australia without gaps or overlaps. They consist of a single Local Government Area, or part thereof, or any unincorporated area.

Unemployed persons

For 2001 Census purposes, unemployed people are defined as those people aged 15 years and over who, in the week prior to Census Night, did not have a job but were actively looking for and available to start work.

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