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# NOTES

ABOUT THIS PUBLICATION This issue contains preliminary estimates of the resident population of the Statistical Local Areas (SLA) of the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) as at 30 June 1997. The estimates are based on the 1996 Census of Population and Housing.

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SYMBOLS AND OTHER  
USAGES

ABS Australian Bureau of Statistics  
ACT Australian Capital Territory  
ERP Estimated resident population  
p preliminary  
SLA Statistical Local Area  
SD Statistical District  
SSD Statistical Subdivision  
U/R urban SLAs, rural SLAs  
.. not applicable

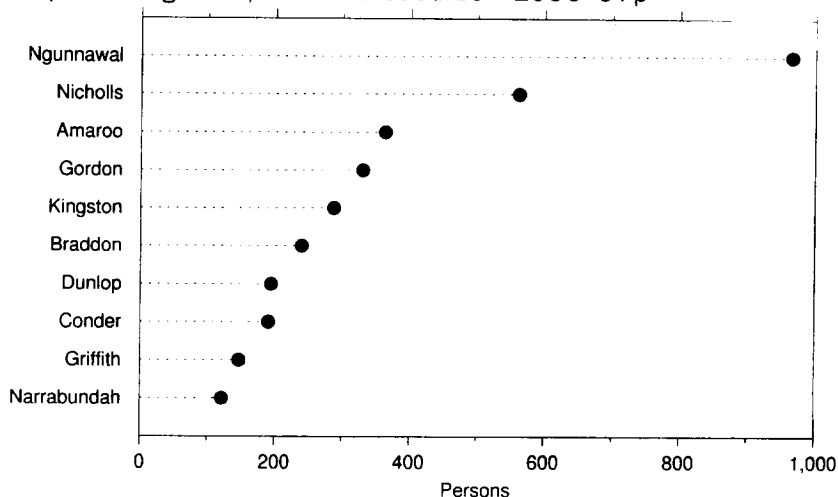
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## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *continued*

Population growth, selected suburbs—1996–97p



### POPULATION DECLINE

During the year ended 30 June 1997 population decline occurred in three ACT subdivisions. These subdivisions were Belconnen, Woden Valley and Weston Creek–Stromlo where the population decreased by 460 people (0.5%), 230 people (0.7%) and 220 people (0.9%), respectively.

#### Belconnen

The population of the Belconnen subdivision, the second largest ACT subdivision, fell from 85,660 to 85,200 people in the 12 months ended 30 June 1997. While most suburbs experienced a decline in population Kaleen and Evatt recorded the highest loss, both suburbs declining by 70 people or decreases of 0.8% and 1.1%, respectively. Conversely, five suburbs in the Belconnen subdivision had increased population growth. The newly developed suburb of Dunlop showed the greatest increase, 200 people or 26.8%.

#### Woden Valley

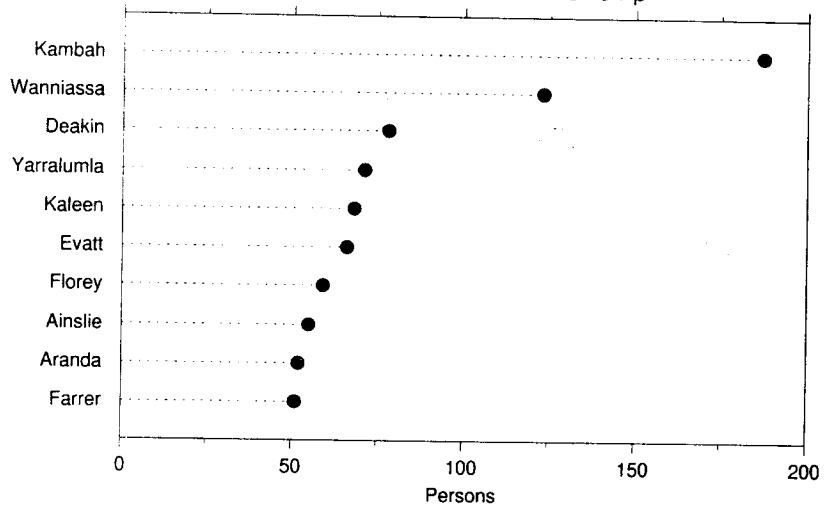
The population of Woden Valley declined from 33,040 to 32,810. Most suburbs had small declines with Farrer recording the largest decline of 50 people or 1.4%. The main exception was O'Malley which increased its population by 40 people or 5.1%.

#### Weston Creek–Stromlo

The subdivision of Weston Creek–Stromlo declined from 24,880 to 24,660. All suburbs in this subdivision recorded declines in population. The suburb of Duffy had the highest decline, 40 people or 1.2%.

# SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *continued*

Population decline, selected suburbs—1996–97p



## POPULATION DENSITY

The ACT has the highest population density of all States and Territories. At 30 June 1997 the population density of the ACT was 130 people per square kilometre. When statistical subdivisions were considered the subdivision of Woden Valley had the highest population density in the ACT (1,150 people per square kilometre). However, when the urban area within each subdivision was considered the subdivision of Weston Creek–Stromlo had the highest population density (1,560 people per square kilometre).

## HIGH DENSITY STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS

At 30 June 1997 the suburb of Palmerston, located within the subdivision of Gungahlin–Hall, had the highest population density in the ACT (2,770 people per square kilometre). The high population density of Palmerston reflects the suburb's high proportion of medium density housing. The second most densely populated suburb was Rivett, located in the subdivision of Weston Creek–Stromlo (2,140 people per square kilometre).

## LOW DENSITY STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS

Population density of less than 10 people per square kilometre was recorded in a number of SLAs. These SLAs were mainly commercial, industrial or rural areas. Of the remaining urban SLAs the suburb of Acton had the lowest population density in the ACT (160 people per square kilometre). The next lowest urban SLA was the suburb of City (180 people per square kilometre).

# SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *continued*

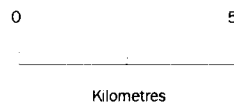
## Population growth, urban Statistical Local Areas—1996–97p

Growth rate  
%



Population growth rate  
Per cent

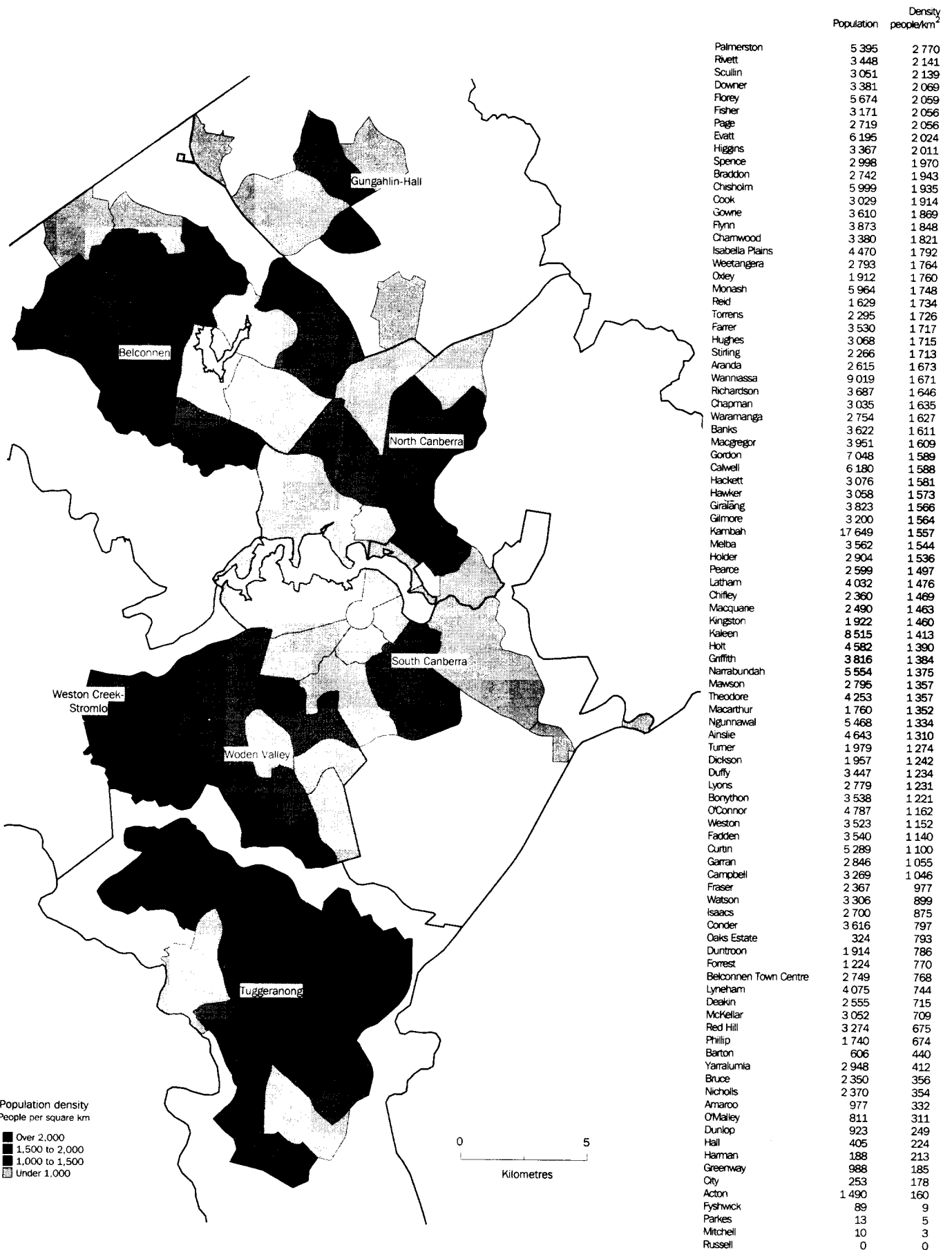
- More than 2
- 0 to 2
- -1 to 0
- Less than -1



Amaroo	59.1
City	45.4
Nicholls	31.1
Dunlop	26.8
Mitchell	25.0
Ngunnawal	21.4
Kingston	17.6
Braddon	9.6
Fyshwick	7.2
Conder	5.6
O'Malley	5.1
Gordon	4.9
Hall	4.7
Griffith	4.0
Banks	2.6
Narrabundah	2.2
Palmerston	1.5
Bruce	0.9
Page	0.9
Acton	0.5
Forrest	0.3
Theodore	0.3
Greenway	0.2
Phillip	0.2
Bonython	0.2
Belconnen Town Centre	0.1
Holt	0.0
Parkes	0.0
Turner	-0.1
Cook	-0.2
Chisholm	-0.3
Red Hill	-0.3
Duntroon	-0.3
Monash	-0.3
Chifley	-0.3
Calwell	-0.5
Downer	-0.5
Stirling	-0.5
Hawker	-0.6
Weston	-0.6
Macgregor	-0.6
Hackett	-0.6
Weetangera	-0.6
Gilmore	-0.6
Lyons	-0.6
Pearce	-0.6
Chapman	-0.7
Richardson	-0.7
Red	-0.7
Curtin	-0.7
Campbell	-0.8
Kaleen	-0.8
Waramanga	-0.8
Flynn	-0.8
Melba	-0.8
Dickson	-0.8
Sculin	-0.8
Isaacs	-0.8
Holder	-0.9
Tomens	-0.9
Fraser	-0.9
O'Connor	-0.9
Spence	-0.9
Hughes	-0.9
Gowrie	-1.0
Watson	-1.0
Isabella Plains	-1.0
Florey	-1.0
McKellar	-1.0
Kambah	-1.0
Evatt	-1.1
Lyneham	-1.1
Rivett	-1.1
Fisher	-1.1
Ainslie	-1.2
Garran	-1.2
Giralang	-1.2
Latham	-1.2
Higgins	-1.2
Duffy	-1.2
Macarthur	-1.2
Mawson	-1.2
Wanniassa	-1.3
Fadden	-1.4
Farrer	-1.4
Charmwood	-1.4
Harman	-1.6
Macquarie	-1.8
Oaks Estate	-1.8
Barton	-1.9
Aranda	-1.9
Osley	-2.3
Yarralumla	-2.4
Deakin	-3.0

# SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *continued*

## Population density, urban Statistical Local Areas—30 June 1997p



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## ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION, Statistical Local Areas

Statistical Division Statistical Subdivision Statistical Local Area	YEAR ENDED AT 30 JUNE...			GROWTH.....		DENSITY.....		
		1992	1996	1997 <sup>p</sup>	1992-97 <sup>p(a)</sup>	1996-97 <sup>p</sup>	Area	People <sup>p(b)</sup>
	U/R(c)	no.	no.	no.	%	%	km <sup>2</sup>	no.
<b>CANBERRA SD</b>								
<b>North Canberra SSD</b>								
Acton	U	1 743	1 482	1 490	-3.1	0.5	9.3	160
Ainslie	U	4 860	4 698	4 643	-0.9	-1.2	3.5	1 310
Braddon	U	2 016	2 502	2 742	6.3	9.6	1.4	1 943
Campbell	U	3 388	3 294	3 269	-0.7	-0.8	3.1	1 046
City	U	158	174	253	9.9	45.4	1.4	178
Dickson	U	2 046	1 973	1 957	-0.9	-0.8	1.6	1 242
Downer	U	3 641	3 397	3 381	-1.5	-0.5	1.6	2 069
Duntroon	U	1 957	1 920	1 914	-0.4	-0.3	2.4	786
Hackett	U	3 195	3 094	3 076	-0.8	-0.6	1.9	1 581
Kowen	R	47	16	16	-19.4	0.0	77.2	0
Lyneham	U	4 214	4 119	4 075	-0.7	-1.1	5.5	744
Majura	R	340	357	367	1.5	2.8	86.9	4
O'Connor	U	5 074	4 830	4 787	-1.2	-0.9	4.1	1 162
Reid	U	1 560	1 641	1 629	0.9	-0.7	0.9	1 734
Russell	U	4	0	0	-100.0	0.0	0.5	0
Turner	U	2 148	1 981	1 979	-1.6	-0.1	1.6	1 274
Watson	U	3 631	3 340	3 306	-1.9	-1.0	3.7	899
<i>Total</i>		40 022	38 818	38 884	-0.6	0.2	206.9	188
<b>Belconnen SSD</b>								
Aranda	U	2 836	2 667	2 615	-1.6	-1.9	1.6	1 673
Belconnen Town Centre	U	2 293	2 745	2 749	3.7	0.1	3.6	768
Bruce	U	2 129	2 328	2 350	2.0	0.9	6.6	356
Charmwood	U	3 686	3 429	3 380	-1.7	-1.4	1.9	1 821
Cook	U	3 237	3 036	3 029	-1.3	-0.2	1.6	1 914
Dunlop	U	..	728	923	..	26.8	3.7	249
Evatt	U	6 632	6 261	6 195	-1.4	-1.1	3.1	2 024
Florey	U	5 571	5 733	5 674	0.4	-1.0	2.8	2 059
Flynn	U	4 249	3 904	3 873	-1.8	-0.8	2.1	1 848
Fraser	U	2 631	2 388	2 367	-2.1	-0.9	2.4	977
Giralang	U	4 163	3 869	3 823	-1.7	-1.2	2.4	1 566
Hawker	U	3 361	3 075	3 058	-1.9	-0.6	1.9	1 573
Higgins	U	3 735	3 408	3 367	-2.1	-1.2	1.7	2 011
Hoit	U	4 552	4 580	4 582	0.1	0.0	3.3	1 390
Kaleen	U	8 985	8 583	8 515	-1.1	-0.8	6.0	1 413
Latham	U	4 403	4 081	4 032	-1.7	-1.2	2.7	1 476
McKellar	U	3 155	3 084	3 052	-0.7	-1.0	4.3	709
Macgregor	U	4 369	3 974	3 951	-2.0	-0.6	2.5	1 609
Macquarie	U	2 743	2 536	2 490	-1.9	-1.8	1.7	1 463
Melba	U	3 540	3 591	3 562	0.1	-0.8	2.3	1 544
Page	U	2 691	2 694	2 719	0.2	0.9	1.3	2 056
Scullin	U	3 266	3 076	3 051	-1.4	-0.8	1.4	2 139
Spence	U	3 207	3 025	2 998	-1.3	-0.9	1.5	1 970
Weetangera	U	3 081	2 810	2 793	-1.9	-0.6	1.6	1 764
Belconnen—SSD Balance	R	71	54	54	-5.3	0.0	65.8	1
<i>Total</i>		88 586	85 659	85 202	-0.8	-0.5	129.8	657

(a) Average annual growth rate.

(b) Number of people per square kilometre.

(c) U urban SLAs, R rural SLAs.



Statistical Division Statistical Subdivision Statistical Local Area	U/R(c)	YEAR ENDED AT 30 JUNE...			GROWTH.....		DENSITY.....	
		1992	1996	1997p	1992-97p(a)	1996-97p	Area	People p(b)
		no.	no.	no.	%	%	km <sup>2</sup>	no.
<b>CANBERRA SD <i>continued</i></b>								
<b>Woden Valley SSD</b>								
Chifley	U	2 594	2 368	2 360	-1.9	-0.3	1.6	1 469
Curtin	U	5 630	5 328	5 289	-1.2	-0.7	4.8	1 100
Farrer	U	3 855	3 581	3 530	-1.7	-1.4	2.1	1 717
Garran	U	3 135	2 880	2 846	-1.9	-1.2	2.7	1 055
Hughes	U	3 129	3 096	3 068	-0.4	-0.9	1.8	1 715
Isaacs	U	2 746	2 723	2 700	-0.3	-0.8	3.1	875
Lyons	U	2 955	2 797	2 779	-1.2	-0.6	2.3	1 231
Mawson	U	2 993	2 830	2 795	-1.4	-1.2	2.1	1 357
O'Malley	U	616	772	811	5.7	5.1	2.6	311
Pearce	U	2 707	2 616	2 599	-0.8	-0.6	1.7	1 497
Phillip	U	1 098	1 737	1 740	9.6	0.2	2.6	674
Torrens	U	2 513	2 315	2 295	-1.8	-0.9	1.3	1 726
<i>Total</i>		33 971	33 043	32 812	-0.7	-0.7	28.6	1 147
<b>Weston Creek-Stromlo SSD</b>								
Chapman	U	3 288	3 056	3 035	-1.6	-0.7	1.9	1 635
Duffy	U	3 698	3 489	3 447	-1.4	-1.2	2.8	1 234
Fisher	U	3 442	3 207	3 171	-1.6	-1.1	1.5	2 056
Holder	U	3 161	2 929	2 904	-1.7	-0.9	1.9	1 536
Rivett	U	3 845	3 486	3 448	-2.2	-1.1	1.6	2 141
Stirling	U	2 404	2 277	2 266	-1.2	-0.5	1.3	1 713
Stromlo	R	105	90	89	-3.3	-1.1	80.3	1
Waramanga	U	3 015	2 776	2 754	-1.8	-0.8	1.7	1 627
Weston	U	3 786	3 543	3 523	-1.4	-0.6	3.1	1 152
Weston Creek-Stromlo—SSD Balance	R	33	26	26	-4.7	0.0	8.0	3
<i>Total</i>		26 777	24 879	24 663	-1.6	-0.9	104.1	237
<b>Tuggeranong SSD</b>								
Banks	U	664	3 530	3 622	40.4	2.6	2.2	1 611
Bonython	U	2 800	3 532	3 538	4.8	0.2	2.9	1 221
Calwell	U	5 904	6 208	6 180	0.9	-0.5	3.9	1 588
Chisholm	U	6 392	6 015	5 999	-1.3	-0.3	3.1	1 935
Conder	U	1 039	3 425	3 616	28.3	5.6	4.5	797
Fadden	U	3 713	3 589	3 540	-0.9	-1.4	3.1	1 140
Gilmore	U	3 316	3 220	3 200	-0.7	-0.6	2.0	1 564
Gordon	U	1 867	6 718	7 048	30.4	4.9	4.4	1 589
Gowrie	U	3 885	3 645	3 610	-1.5	-1.0	1.9	1 869
Greenway	U	543	986	988	12.7	0.2	5.4	185
Isabella Plains	U	4 596	4 516	4 470	-0.6	-1.0	2.5	1 792
Kambah	U	18 459	17 836	17 649	-0.9	-1.0	11.3	1 557
Macarthur	U	1 794	1 782	1 760	-0.4	-1.2	1.3	1 352
Monash	U	5 738	5 984	5 964	0.8	-0.3	3.4	1 748
Oxley	U	2 163	1 957	1 912	-2.4	-2.3	1.1	1 760
Richardson	U	3 890	3 714	3 687	-1.1	-0.7	2.2	1 646
Theodore	U	4 157	4 241	4 253	0.5	0.3	3.1	1 357
Wanniassa	U	10 040	9 142	9 019	-2.1	-1.3	5.4	1 671
Tuggeranong—SSD Balance	R	109	64	64	-10.1	0.0	97.6	1
<i>Total</i>		81 069	90 104	90 119	2.1	0.0	161.5	558

(a) Average annual growth rate.

(b) Number of people per square kilometre.

(c) U urban SLAs, R rural SLAs.

Statistical Division Statistical Subdivision Statistical Local Area	U/R(c)	YEAR ENDED AT 30 JUNE...			GROWTH.....		DENSITY.....	
		1992	1996	1997 <sup>p</sup>	1992-97 <sup>p</sup> (a)	1996-97 <sup>p</sup>	Area	People <sup>p</sup> (b)
		no.	no.	no.	%	%	km <sup>2</sup>	no.
<b>CANBERRA SD <i>continued</i></b>								
<b>South Canberra SSD</b>								
Barton	U	659	618	606	-1.7	-1.9	1.4	440
Deakin	U	2 688	2 633	2 555	-1.0	-3.0	3.6	715
Forrest	U	1 291	1 220	1 224	-1.1	0.3	1.6	770
Fyshwick	U	80	83	89	2.2	7.2	9.8	9
Griffith	U	3 211	3 669	3 816	3.5	4.0	2.8	1 384
Harman	U	356	191	188	-12.0	-1.6	0.9	213
Hume	R	11	10	7	-8.6	-30.0	8.0	1
Jerrabomberra	R	30	25	25	-3.6	0.0	19.8	1
Kingston	U	1 365	1 634	1 922	7.1	17.6	1.3	1 460
Narrabundah	U	5 368	5 433	5 554	0.7	2.2	4.0	1 375
Oaks Estate	U	333	330	324	-0.5	-1.8	0.4	793
Parkes	U	24	13	13	-11.5	0.0	2.7	5
Pialligo	R	111	112	107	-0.7	-4.5	8.4	13
Red Hill	U	3 299	3 284	3 274	-0.2	-0.3	4.8	675
Symonston	R	460	456	458	-0.1	0.4	9.9	46
Yarralumla	U	3 062	3 019	2 948	-0.8	-2.4	7.2	412
<i>Total</i>		22 348	22 730	23 110	0.7	1.7	86.5	267
<b>Gungahlin-Hall SSD</b>								
Amaroo	U	..	614	977	..	59.1	2.9	332
Hall	U	358	387	405	2.5	4.7	1.8	224
Mitchell	U	5	8	10	14.9	25.0	3.2	3
Ngunnawal	U	..	4 503	5 468	..	21.4	4.1	1 334
Nicholls	U	..	1 808	2 370	..	31.1	6.7	354
Palmerston	U	334	5 317	5 395	74.4	1.5	1.9	2 770
Gungahlin-Hall Balance	R	84	47	47	-11.0	0.0	69.9	1
<i>Total</i>		781	12 684	14 672	79.8	15.7	90.6	162
<b>Total Canberra SD</b>		<b>293 554</b>	<b>307 917</b>	<b>309 462</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>808.0</b>	<b>383</b>
<b>ACT—BALANCE</b>								
<b>Total remainder of ACT</b>	R	<b>408</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>-4.0</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>1 543.7</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>ACT</b>		<b>293 962</b>	<b>308 251</b>	<b>309 794</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>2 351.7</b>	<b>132</b>

(a) Average annual growth rate.

(b) Number of people per square kilometre.

(c) U urban SLAs, R rural SLAs.

# EXPLANATORY NOTES

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## INTRODUCTION

**1** This publication contains final estimates of the resident populations for the SLAs of the ACT as at 30 June 1992 and 1996, and preliminary estimates as at 30 June 1997. Also included are rates of change for the intervening periods 1992–97 and 1996–97 and estimates of the population density of each SLA at 30 June 1997.

## POPULATION ESTIMATES

**2** The estimated resident populations (ERP) contained in this publication are the official Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) population estimates. They are derived from 1996 Census population counts by making the following adjustments:

- Census counts on a place of usual residence basis are obtained by counting each person in their stated SLA of usual residence, rather than where they were counted on census night. Persons who do not state their address of usual residence on the census form are proportionally allocated across all SLAs in the State or Territory. Overseas visitors are excluded from these counts.
- These usual residence census counts are then adjusted for census undercount, by applying undercount rates derived from the 1996 Post Enumeration Survey. These rates take into account differences in undercount according to a person's age, sex and geographic location.
- Australian residents temporarily overseas on census night, excluded from census counts, are added back into the population. Estimates of Australians temporarily overseas on census night are obtained from passenger card data for persons returning to Australia in the year following the Census.
- The above three adjustments result in the ERP for each SLA as at census date, 6 August 1996. To obtain the ERP as at 30 June 1996, the estimated increase in the population of each SLA due to natural increase and net migration between 30 June 1996 and 6 August 1996 is subtracted from the 6 August 1996 population estimates.

**3** Although natural increase data are available for SLAs, the absence of reliable migration data for non-census years means that it is not possible to use the component method to update SLA population totals. Thus the 1992 and 1997 estimates in this publication have been produced using regression techniques. Indicators used in the regression models include buildings approvals, electricity connections and Medicare enrolments.

**4** Further information regarding the concept of ERP and methods of estimating SLA populations is given in *Information Paper: Population Estimates—Concepts, Sources and Methods* (Cat. no. 3228.0) issued on 23 June 1995.

## GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES

**5** The geographic areas used in this publication are defined in *Statistical Geography: Volume 1—Australian Standard Geographic Classification (ASGC), July 1996* (Cat. no. 1216.0). The boundaries of SLAs used in determining the population are those in existence at 30 June 1997. The population estimates for previous years have been adjusted where appropriate so that they reflect the population changes for each area had the June 1997 boundaries existed then.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

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### RELIABILITY

**6** Although estimates of resident population are shown to the nearest unit, accuracy to this level is not claimed and should not be assumed.

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### RELATED PUBLICATIONS

**8** Other ABS publications which may be of interest to users of this publication include:

*Australian Demographic Statistics* (Cat. no. 3101.0) — issued quarterly  
*Census of Population and Housing: Selected Social and Housing Characteristics for Statistical Local Areas, Australian Capital Territory, 1996* (Cat. no. 2015.8)

*Demography, Australian Capital Territory* (Cat. no. 3311.8) — issued annually

*Population by Age and Sex, Australian Capital Territory* (Cat. no. 3235.8) — issued annually

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