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# **Estimated Resident Population in Statistical Local Areas**

**Australian Capital Territory**

**Preliminary**

## NOTES

### 1996 CENSUS ESTIMATES

This issue contains preliminary estimates of the resident population of the Statistical Local Areas of the Australian Capital Territory as at 30 June 1996. These are based on the 1991 Census of Population and Housing but will be supplanted by estimates based on the 1996 Census in June 1997.

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### SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

p      preliminary  
. .      not applicable  
—      nil or rounded to zero

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## MAIN FEATURES

### POPULATION CHANGE

At 30 June 1996 the preliminary estimated resident population of the Australian Capital Territory was 307,500, an increase of 3,400 or 1.13% since 30 June 1995. This compared with an increase of 3,200 or 1.06% during the previous financial year.

### POPULATION GROWTH

Population growth over the year to 30 June 1996 was largely concentrated in the subdivisions of Gungahlin-Hall, Tuggeranong and, South Canberra where the population increased by 2,770 persons (30.1%), 810 persons (0.9%) and 290 persons (1.3%) respectively.

#### Gungahlin-Hall

The population of Gungahlin-Hall increased from 9,200 persons to 12,000. This increase can be attributed to considerable population growth in the suburbs of Ngunnawal (up 1,500 or 51.6%), Nicholls (up 500 or 59.7%), Amaroo (up 390 or 125.7%) and, Palmerston (up 350 or 7.5%).

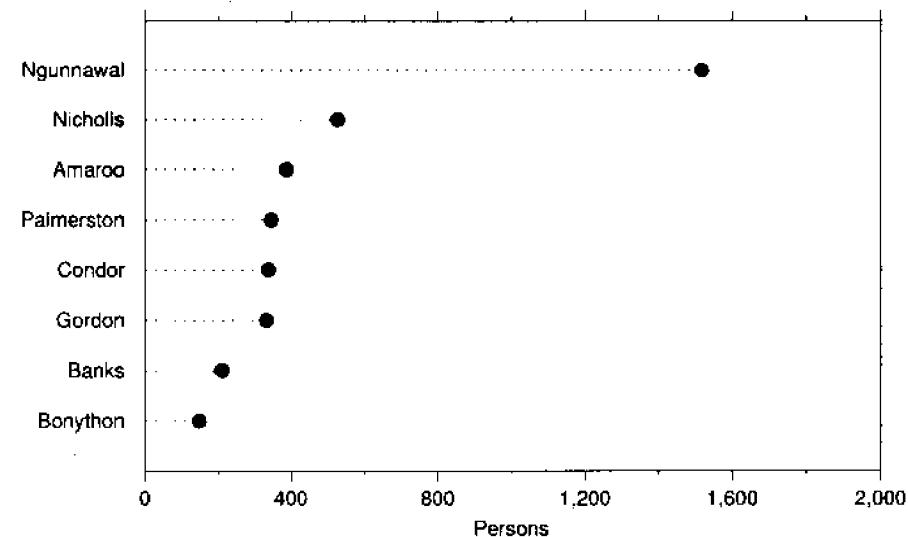
#### Tuggeranong

The subdivision of Tuggeranong increased from 88,700 persons to 89,500, making it the most populated subdivision in the Australian Capital Territory. The suburbs of Conder (up 340 or 13.3%), Gordon (up 330 or 5.8%), Banks (up 210 or 6.7%), Bonython (up 150 or 4.4%) and, Greenway (up 40 or 3.9%) all experienced substantial population gains.

#### South Canberra

The population of South Canberra increased from 22,100 persons to 22,400. This increase was due to the development of medium density housing in Narrabundah (up 100 or 1.8%), Griffith (up 100 or 2.9%) and Kingston (up 50 or 3.2%).

### POPULATION CHANGE, SELECTED SUBURBS, 1995-96<sup>p</sup>



## MAIN FEATURES *continued*

### POPULATION DECLINE

Over the year to 30 June 1996, the subdivisions of Woden Valley, Weston Creek-Stromlo, North Canberra and Belconnen all experienced declines in population.

#### Woden Valley

The population of Woden Valley declined by 0.7% from 33,100 persons to 32,900. The greatest declines were observed in the suburbs of Farrer (down 110 or 2.8%), Isaacs (down 50 or 1.5%) and Chifley (down 40 or 1.8%).

#### Weston Creek-Stromlo

The subdivision of Weston Creek-Stromlo declined by 0.6% from 25,200 persons to 25,000. The suburbs of Waramanga (down 50 or 1.9%), Fisher (down 40 or 1.2%) and Stirling (down 30 or 1.3%) experienced the greatest population declines.

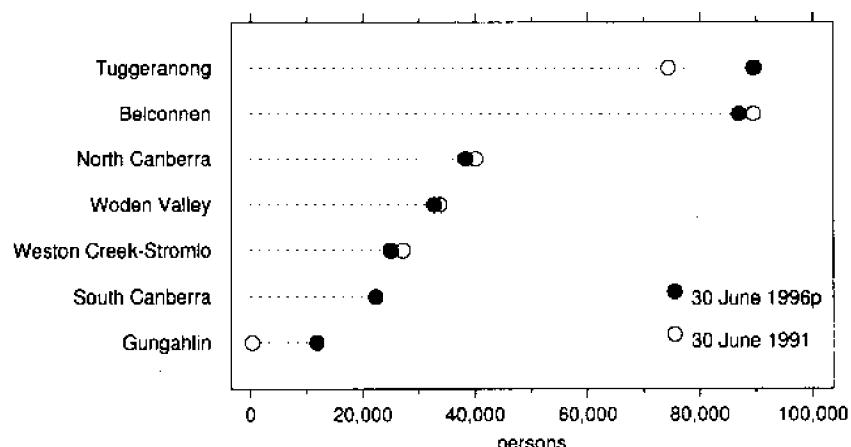
#### North Canberra

The population of North Canberra decreased by 0.1% from 38,500 to 38,400 persons. The suburb of Turner recorded the largest population decrease of 120 persons or 5.8%. Reid recorded a decline of 60 persons or 3.7% and Downer declined 60 persons or 1.7%. Several suburbs in North Canberra recorded substantial population growth over the year 30 June 1995-96. These included Braddon (up 250 or 13.2%), Ainslie (up 40 or 0.8%) and Campbell (up 10 or 0.3%). Such increases were the result of medium density housing developments.

#### Belconnen

The population of Belconnen remained relatively stable over the year to 30 June 1996. However, Dunlop, a new suburb, Holt and Kaleen all experienced population increases of 460 persons (150%), 180 persons (4%) and 10 persons (0.1%) respectively.

### POPULATION BY SUBDIVISION



## MAIN FEATURES continued

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### POPULATION DENSITY

At 30 June 1996, the Australian Capital Territory had a total population density of 131 persons per square kilometre, the highest population density of any Australian State or Territory. The subdivisions of Tuggeranong and Belconnen recorded the highest population densities of 1,407 and 1,355 persons per square kilometre respectively. The population density recorded in Woden was (1,140), North Canberra (1,047), Weston Creek–Stromlo (1,044), Gungahlin–Hall (672) and South Canberra (279). The low number of persons per square kilometre recorded in South Canberra in part reflects the large areas of non-residential land use.

### HIGH DENSITY STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS

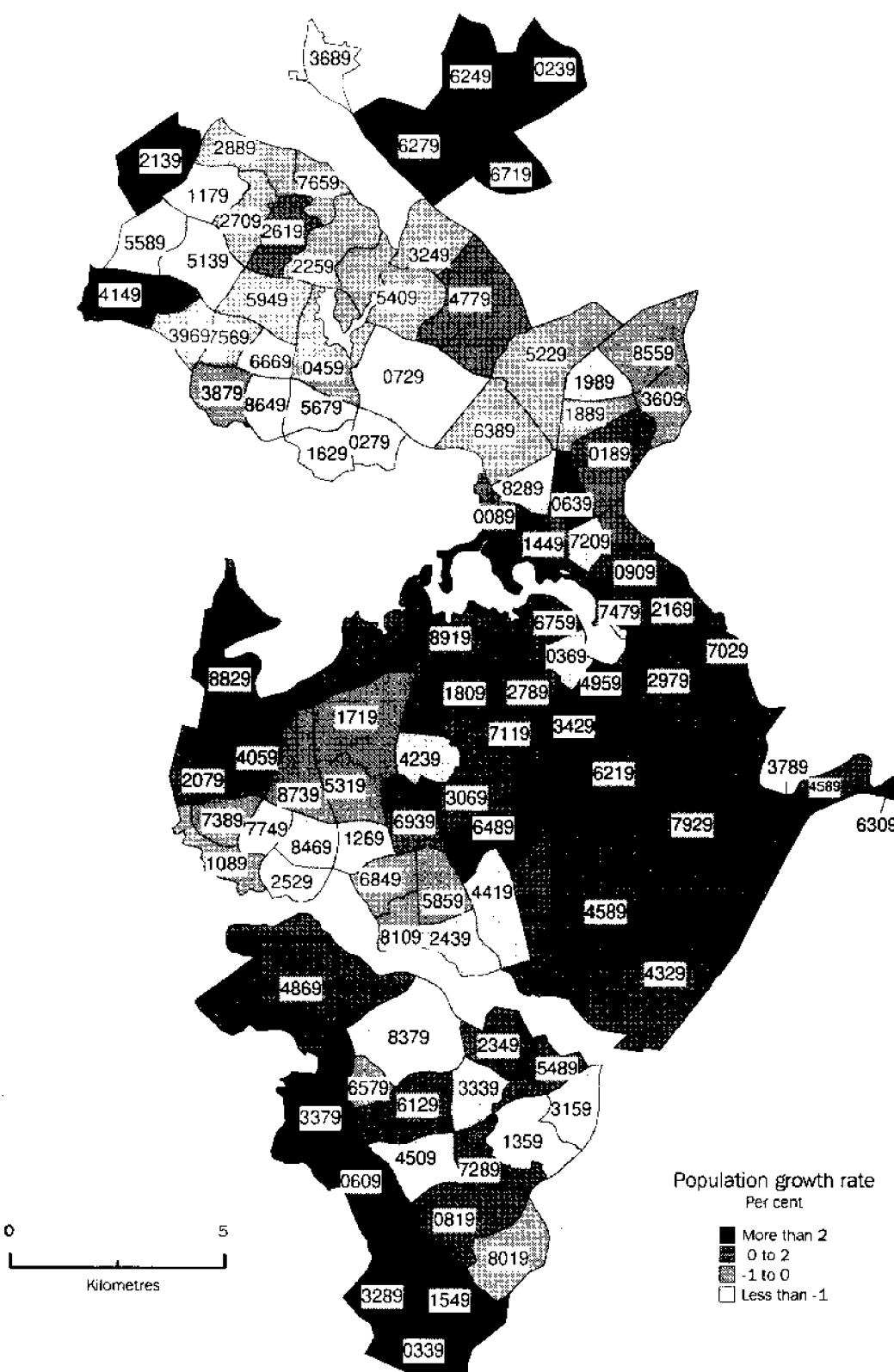
The suburb of Palmerston, located within the subdivision of Gungahlin–Hall, had the highest population density during the year ended 30 June 1996 (2,529 persons per square kilometre). The second most densely populated suburb was Rivett, located in the subdivision of Weston Creek–Stromlo (2,175 persons per square kilometre). The substantially higher population density seen in Palmerston reflects the high proportion of medium density housing. The subdivision of Belconnen contained five suburbs with over 2,000 persons per square kilometre including Evatt (2,109), Higgins (2,094), Scullin (2,068), Florey (2,063) and Page (2,019).

### LOW DENSITY STATISTICAL LOCAL AREAS

The industrial and commercial areas of the Australian Capital Territory, Hume, Fyshwick, Russell and Parkes, recorded population densities of less than 10 persons per square kilometre.

## MAIN FEATURES continued

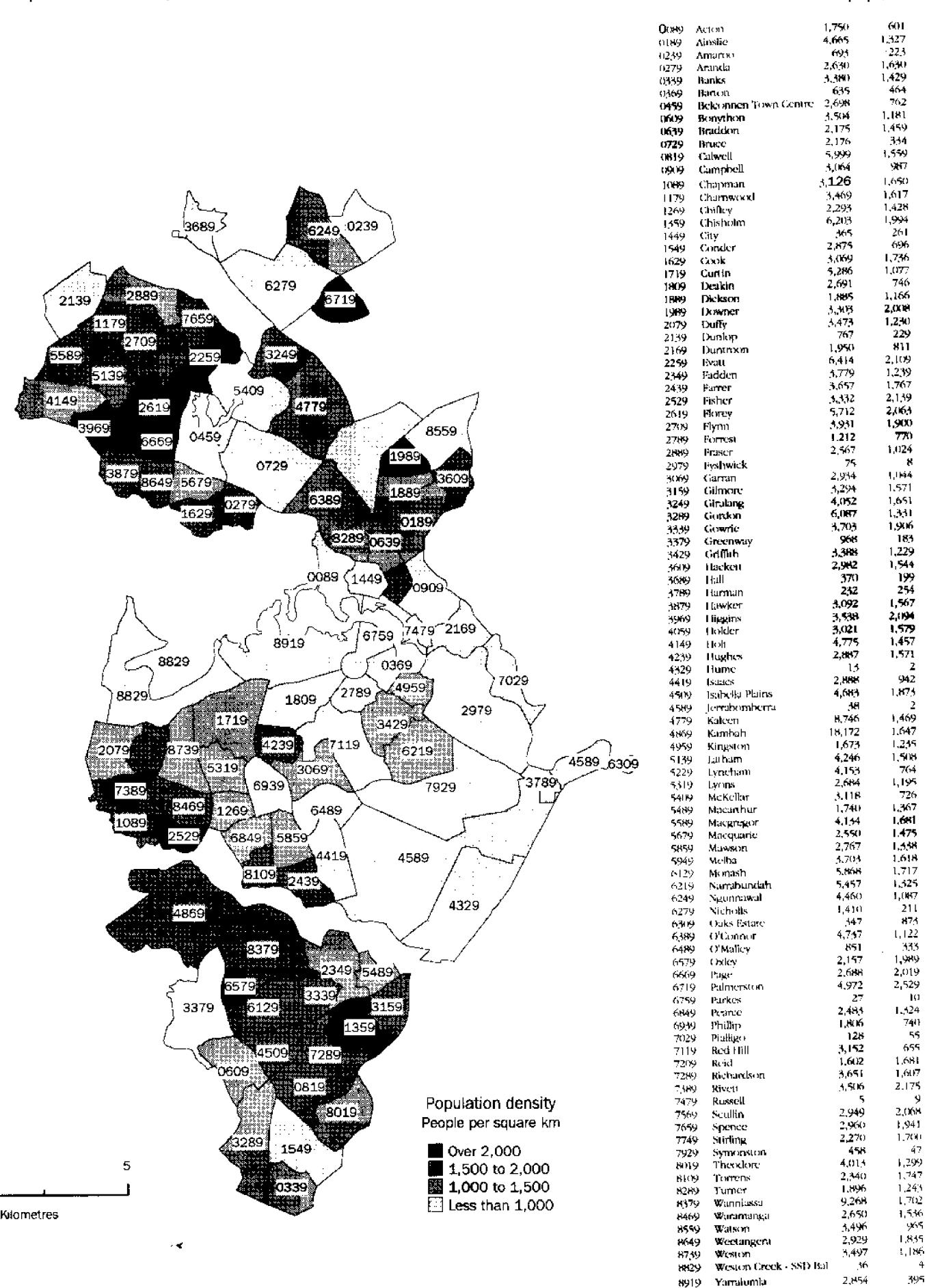
Population Growth, selected SLAs in the ACT, 1995–96.



SLAs	Growth rate
0089 Acton	0.0%
0189 Ainslie	0.8%
0239 Amaretto	125.7%
0279 Ananda	-1.1%
0339 Banks	6.7%
0369 Barton	-1.6%
0499 Belconnen Town Centre	-0.3%
0619 Bonython	4.4%
0639 Braddon	13.2%
0729 Bruce	-1.7%
0819 Calwell	0.8%
0909 Campbell	0.3%
1089 Chapman	-0.3%
1179 Charnwood	-2.2%
1269 Chifley	-1.8%
1359 Chisholm	-1.5%
1449 City	0.0%
1549 Conder	13.3%
1629 Cook	-1.1%
1719 Curtin	-0.3%
1809 Deakin	1.2%
1889 Dickson	-0.5%
1989 Downer	-1.7%
2079 Duffy	0.9%
2139 Dunklop	149.8%
2169 Dunkton	0.0%
2239 Ewatt	-0.7%
2349 Fadden	0.1%
2439 Fysh	-2.8%
2529 Fisher	-1.2%
2619 Florey	-0.4%
2709 Flynn	-0.6%
2789 Forrest	0.7%
2889 Fraser	-0.9%
2979 Pyshwick	0.0%
3069 Ginninderra	0.7%
3159 Gilmore	-1.6%
3249 Girringun	-0.5%
3289 Gondon	5.8%
3349 Gowrie	-1.1%
3379 Greenway	3.9%
3429 Griffith	2.9%
3619 Jerrabomberra	-0.4%
3689 Jerrabomberra	-1.9%
3789 Jerrabomberra	0.0%
3879 Jerrabomberra	-1.0%
3969 Jerrabomberra	-0.2%
4059 Kambah	0.4%
4089 Kingston	3.2%
4139 Latham	-1.2%
5139 Lyneham	-0.9%
5319 Lyons	-0.5%
5409 McKellar	-0.3%
5489 Macarthur	0.6%
5589 Macgregor	-1.1%
5679 Macquarie	-2.0%
5859 Mawson	-0.5%
5949 Melba	0.0%
6129 Monash	1.1%
6219 Narrabundah	1.8%
6249 Ngurnawal	51.6%
6279 Nicholls	59.7%
6309 Oaks Estate	2.1%
6389 O'Connor	-0.6%
6449 O'Malley	3.2%
6579 Oxley	-0.2%
6669 Page	-1.6%
6719 Palmerston	7.5%
6759 Parkes	0.0%
6849 Pearce	-0.5%
6939 Phillip	1.2%
7029 Pialligo	0.0%
7119 Red Hill	0.1%
7209 Reid	-3.7%
7289 Richardson	0.2%
7389 Riverina	-1.0%
7479 Russell	0.0%
7569 Scullin	-0.4%
7659 Spence	-0.3%
7749 Stirling	-1.3%
7929 Symonston	0.0%
8019 Theodore	-0.4%
8119 Tuggeranong	-0.8%
8289 Turner	-5.8%
8379 Wanniassa	-1.5%
8469 Waramanga	-1.9%
8559 Watson	-0.5%
8649 Woden Valley	-1.4%
8739 Weston Creek	-0.8%
8829 Weston Creek - SSD Bal	0.0%
8919 Yarrakumba	0.3%

## MAIN FEATURES continued

Population Density, selected SLAs in the ACT, 1995-96.



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## ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION, Statistical Local Areas

Statistical Subdivision/ Statistical Local Area	YEAR ENDED AT 30 JUNE.....			CHANGE.....	
	1991 no.	1995 no.	1996(p) no.	1991-96(a) %	1995-96(p) %
NORTH CANBERRA SUBDIVISION					
Acton	1 796	1 750	1 750	-0.5	—
Ainslie	4 825	4 627	4 665	-0.7	0.8
Braddon	2 034	1 921	2 175	1.3	13.2
Campbell	3 394	3 054	3 064	-2	0.3
City	156	365	365	18.5	—
Dickson	2 063	1 894	1 885	-1.8	-0.5
Downer	3 702	3 360	3 303	-2.3	-1.7
Duntroon	1 959	1 950	1 950	-0.1	—
Hackett	3 225	2 994	2 982	-1.6	-0.4
Kowen	50	47	47	-1.2	—
Lyneham	4 248	4 189	4 153	-0.5	-0.9
Majura	349	349	349	—	—
O'Connor	4 999	4 765	4 737	-1.1	-0.6
Reid	1 576	1 663	1 602	0.3	-3.7
Russell	5	5	5	—	—
Turner	2 156	2 013	1 896	-2.5	-5.8
Watson	3 712	3 514	3 496	-1.2	-0.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>40 249</b>	<b>38 460</b>	<b>38 424</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>-0.1</b>
BELCONNEN SUBDIVISION					
Aranda	2 871.0	2 658	2 630.0	-1.7	-1.1
Belconnen Town Centre	2 233	2 706	2 698	3.9	-0.3
Belconnen SSD Balance	76	73	73	-0.8	—
Bruce	1 858	2 214	2 176	3.2	-1.7
Charnwood	3 761	3 548	3 469	-1.6	-2.2
Cook	3 251	3 104	3 069	-1.1	-1.1
Dunlop	..	307	767	..	149.8
Evatt	6 699	6 460	6 414	-0.9	-0.7
Florey	5 657	5 737	5 712	0.2	-0.4
Flynn	4 337	3 956	3 931	-1.9	-0.6
Fraser	2 705	2 590	2 567	-1	-0.9
Giralang	4 209	4 071	4 052	-0.8	-0.5
Hawker	3 423	3 124	3 092	-2	-1
Higgins	3 819	3 571	3 538	-1.5	-0.9
Holt	4 604	4 591	4 775	0.7	4.0
Kaleen	9 132	8 740	8 746	-0.9	0.1
Latham	4 497	4 299	4 246	-1.1	-1.2
McKellar	3 083	3 127	3 118	0.2	-0.3
Macgregor	4 470	4 179	4 134	-1.6	-1.1
Macquarie	2 797	2 601	2 550	-1.8	-2
Melba	3 598	3 703	3 703	0.6	—
Page	2 728	2 733	2 688	-0.3	-1.6
Scullin	3 311	2 960	2 949	-2.3	-0.4
Spence	3 257	2 968	2 960	-1.9	-0.3
Weetangera	3 143	2 970	2 929	-1.4	-1.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>89 519</b>	<b>86 990</b>	<b>86 986</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>—</b>

For footnotes see end of table.

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION, Statistical Local Areas *continued*

YEAR ENDED AT 30 JUNE..... CHANGE.....

1991      1995      1996(p)      1991-96(a)      1995-96(p)

Statistical Subdivision/ Statistical Local Area	no.	no.	no.	%	%
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**WODEN VALLEY SUBDIVISION**

Chifley	2 646	2 336	2 293	-2.8	-1.8
Curtin	5 701	5 303	5 286	-1.5	-0.3
Farrer	3 914	3 763	3 657	-1.3	-2.8
Garran	3 191	2 914	2 934	-1.7	0.7
Hughes	3 111	2 929	2 887	-1.5	-1.4
Isaacs	2 511	2 933	2 888	2.8	-1.5
Lyons	2 998	2 697	2 684	-2.2	-0.5
Mawson	3 011	2 781	2 767	-1.7	-0.5
O'Malley	535	825	851	9.7	3.2
Pearce	2 674	2 496	2 483	-1.5	-0.5
Phillip	1 082	1 785	1 806	10.8	1.2
Torrens	2 547	2 358	2 340	-1.7	-0.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>33 921</b>	<b>33 120</b>	<b>32 876</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>-0.7</b>

**WESTON CREEK-STROMLO SUBDIVISION**

Chapman	3 339	3 134	3 126	-1.3	-0.3
Duffy	3 762	3 441	3 473	-1.6	0.9
Fisher	3 487	3 374	3 332	-0.9	-1.2
Holder	3 223	2 999	3 021	-1.3	0.7
Rivett	3 933	3 543	3 506	-2.3	-1
Stirling	2 444	2 300	2 270	-1.5	-1.3
Stromlo	114	105	105	-1.6	—
Waramanga	3 089	2 700	2 650	-3	-1.9
Weston	3 841	3 525	3 497	-1.9	-0.8
Weston Creek-Stromlo SSD Balance	36	36	36	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>27 268</b>	<b>25 157</b>	<b>25 016</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>-0.6</b>

**TUGGERANONG SUBDIVISION**

Banks	..	3 169	3 380	..	6.7
Bonython	2 414	3 356	3 504	7.7	4.4
Calwell	5 406	5 952	5 999	2.1	0.8
Chisholm	6 373	6 296	6 203	-0.5	-1.5
Conder	..	2 537	2 875	..	13.3
Fadden	3 501	3 777	3 779	1.5	0.1
Gilmore	3 278	3 348	3 294	0.1	-1.6
Gordon	713	5 755	6 087	53.6	5.8
Gowrie	3 907	3 745	3 703	-1.1	-1.1
Greenway	417	932	968	18.3	3.9
Isabella Plains	4 410	4 794	4 683	1.2	-2.3
Kambah	18 438	18 100	18 172	-3	0.4
Macarthur	1 550	1 730	1 740	2.3	0.6
Monash	4 189	5 803	5 868	7.0	1.1
Oxley	2 187	2 161	2 157	-0.3	-0.2
Richardson	3 685	3 645	3 651	-0.2	0.2
Theodore	3 689	4 028	4 013	1.7	-0.4
Tuggeranong SSD Balance	123	123	123	—	—
Wanniassa	10 132	9 406	9 268	-1.8	-1.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>74 412</b>	<b>88 657</b>	<b>89 467</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>0.9</b>

For footnotes see end of table.

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION, Statistical Local Areas *continued*

Statistical Subdivision/ Statistical Local Area	YEAR ENDED AT 30 JUNE.....			CHANGE.....	
	1991 no.	1995 no.	1996(p) no.	1991-96(a) %	1995-96(p) %
<b>SOUTH CANBERRA SUBDIVISION</b>					
Barton	666	645	635	-0.9	-1.6
Deakin	2 715	2 659	2 691	-0.2	1.2
Forrest	1 307	1 204	1 212	-1.5	0.7
Fyshwick	78	75	75	-0.8	—
Griffith	3 236	3 292	3 388	0.9	2.9
Harman	375	232	232	-9.2	—
Hume	13	13	13	—	—
Jerrabomberra	34	38	38	2.2	—
Kingston	1 306	1 621	1 673	5.1	3.2
Narrabundah	5 326	5 361	5 457	0.5	1.8
Oaks Estate	325	340	347	1.3	2.1
Parkes	27	27	27	—	—
Pialligo	123	128	128	0.8	—
Red Hill	3 295	3 150	3 152	-0.9	0.1
Symonston	468	458	458	-0.4	0.0
Yarralumla	3 077	2 845	2 854	-1.5	0.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>22 371</b>	<b>22 088</b>	<b>22 380</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1.3</b>
<b>GUNGAHLIN-HALL SUBDIVISION</b>					
Amaroo	..	307	693	..	125.7
Gungahlin Balance	94	61	61	-8.3	—
Hall	356	377	370	0.8	-1.9
Mitchell	5	5	5	—	—
Ngunnawal	..	2 942	4 460	..	51.6
Nicholls	..	883	1 410	..	59.7
Palmerston	..	4 626	4 972	..	7.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>9 201</b>	<b>11 971</b>	<b>92.3</b>	<b>30.1</b>
<b>AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY- BALANCE</b>					
Remainder of ACT	391	391	391	—	—
<b>AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY</b>					
<b>Total</b>	<b>288 586</b>	<b>304 064</b>	<b>307 511</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.1</b>

(a) Average annual growth rate.

# EXPLANATORY NOTES

## INTRODUCTION

**1** This publication contains final estimates of the resident populations for the Statistical Local Areas of the Australian Capital Territory as at 30 June 1991 and 1995, and preliminary estimates as at 30 June 1996. Rates of change for the intervening periods 1991–96 and 1995–96 are also included.

## POPULATION ESTIMATES

**2** The estimated resident populations (ERP) contained in this publication are the official ABS population estimates. They are derived from 1991 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 to all the 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 1991 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 estimated resident population for each SLA as at census date, 6 August 1991. To obtain the estimated resident population as at 30 June 1991, the estimated increase in the population of each SLA due to natural increase and net migration between 30 June 1991 and 6 August 1991 is subtracted from the 6 August 1991 population estimates.

**3** An explanation of the concept of estimated resident population is given in *Population Estimates: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (3228.0) issued on 23 June 1995.

**4** The 1995 and 1996 estimates are an update of the 1991 Census date estimates. They rely heavily on the estimates of the number of occupied dwellings and their occupancy ratios. For each suburb the number of occupied private dwellings is estimated by using domestic electricity connections and enumerations of the number of occupied private dwellings supplied by the ACT Department of Urban Services. Historical housing occupancy trends derived from census counts are used to estimate occupancy ratios for dwellings. These are applied to the number of occupied private dwellings to give an estimated population for each suburb.

## GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES

**5** The geographic areas used in this publication are defined in the *1996 Statistical Geography Volume 1: Australian Standard Geographic Classification* (1216.0). The boundaries of SLAs used in determining the population are those in existence at 30 June 1996. The population estimates for previous years have been adjusted where appropriate so that they reflect the population changes for each area had the June 1996 boundaries existed then.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES continued

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**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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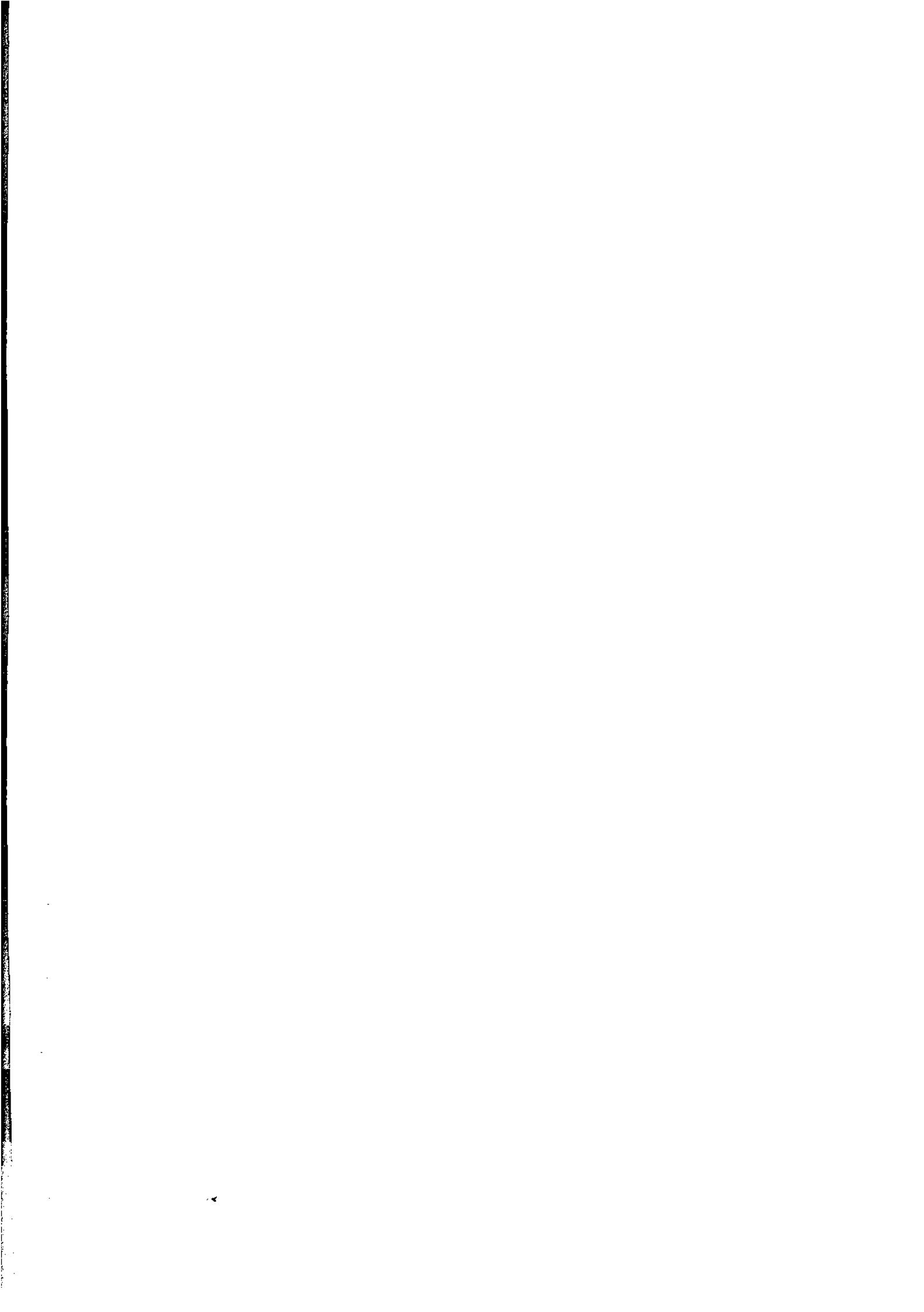
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