



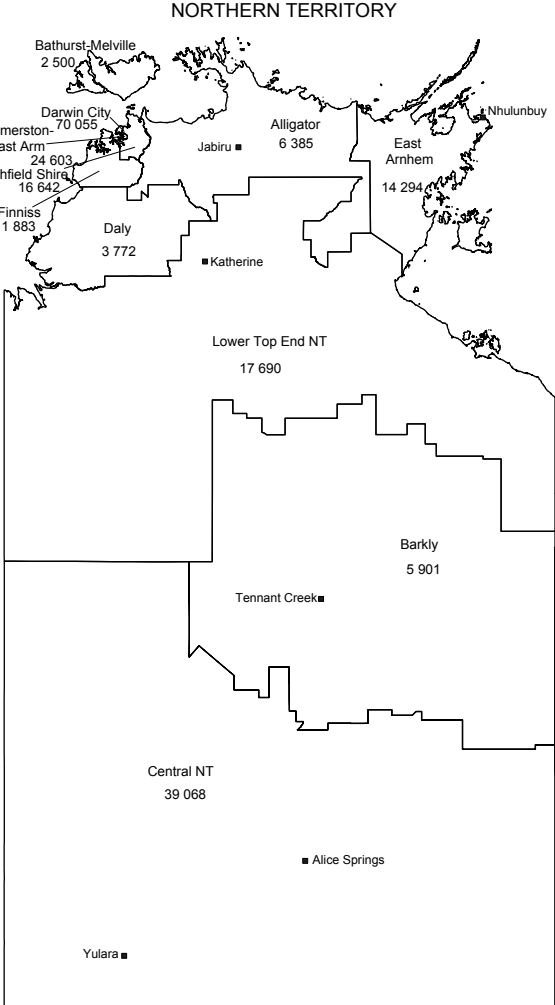
2006
**NORTHERN
TERRITORY
AT A
GLANCE**



The Northern Territory (NT) comprises a land area of 1,346,200 km². It is the third largest of the States and Territories after Western Australia and Queensland, yet has the smallest population and population density.

Darwin City has an estimated population of 70,055. It is the commercial and administrative centre of the Territory. Alice Springs is the largest regional population centre outside Darwin and is the base for significant tourism activities in the Central Region. Mining, tourism and defence are major contributors to the NT economy.

In February 2006, the first shipment of LNG from the new Wickham Point facility was exported to Japan. This event marks the beginning of a new phase in economic development for the Northern Territory.



June 2005 Estimated Resident Population (p) for Statistical Subdivisions

CLIMATE

		Darwin	Alice Springs
Mean annual rainfall	mm	1 700.4	282.8
Mean annual temperature			
min	°C	23.2	13.2
max	°C	32.0	28.7
Mean annual relative humidity			
9.00 am	%	72	43
3.00 pm	%	54	25

Highest daily rainfall 544.6mm was recorded at Roper River Station in 1963.

Highest monthly rainfall 1,252.1mm rec'd at Redbank Mine Station, Jan 2003.

Highest maximum temperature 48.3 °C was recorded at Finke in 1960.

Lowest minimum temperature -7.5 °C was recorded at Alice Springs in 1976.

DEMOGRAPHY

Estimated Resident Population (30 June)		2004r	2005p
Darwin City	no.	69 326	70 055
Palmerston	no.	23 901	24 603
Litchfield Shire	no.	16 205	16 642
Katherine	no.	8 558	8 895
Tennant Creek	no.	2 970	3 009
Alice Springs	no.	26 047	26 486
Northern Territory	no.	199 834	202 793
Indigenous Population (Census Counts)		1996	2001
Darwin City	no.	5 723	5 983
Palmerston	no.	1 466	2 346
Litchfield Shire	no.	980	944
Katherine	no.	1 623	1 898
Tennant Creek	no.	1 517	1 176
Alice Springs	no.	3 911	4 252
Northern Territory	no.	46 277	50 785
Vital Statistics		2003	2004
Births	no.	3 790	3 551
Rate per 1,000 population		19.1	17.8
Deaths	no.	875	893
Rate per 1,000 population		4.4	4.5
Marriages	no.	723	777
Rate per 1,000 population		3.6	3.9
Divorces granted	no.	490	434
Rate per 1,000 population		2.5	2.2

CONSTRUCTION

Building approvals		2003-04	2004-05
Total new houses	no.	545	675
Total new other residential building	no.	593	702
Total residential building	\$m	260.1	363.8
Total non-residential building	\$m	169.5	275.4
Total building	\$m	429.6	639.3
Building completions			
Total new houses	no.	517	510
Total new other residential building	no.	369	533
Total residential building	\$m	208.2	261.8
Total non-residential building	\$m	216.8	191.1
Total building	\$m	425.0	452.9

EDUCATION

		2004	2005
Primary and secondary schools	no.	180	181
Teaching staff (full-time equivalent)	no.	2 936	2 910
Full-time students	no.	37 030	37 373

LABOUR

Labour Force (trend estimate)

		Jan 2005	Jan 2006
Employed persons	no.	94 600	97 700
Unemployed persons	no.	6 100	6 600
Unemployment rate	%	6.0	6.4
Participation rate	%	69.3	70.1
Labour force	no.	100 700	104 300
Civilian population aged 15 years and over	no.	145 200	148 900

Average Weekly Earnings

		Aug 2004	Aug 2005
All males total earnings	\$	857.00	1 018.50
All females total earnings	\$	635.60	655.60
All employees total earnings	\$	742.40	834.30

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

		Nov qtr 2005
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	no.	1 160
Mining	no.	1 455
Manufacturing	no.	2 544
Electricity, gas and water supply	no.	1 425
Construction	no.	8 190
Wholesale trade	no.	2 652
Retail trade	no.	15 183
Accommodation, cafes & restaurants	no.	8 973
Transport and storage	no.	5 340
Communication services	no.	895
Finance and insurance	no.	1 073
Property and business services	no.	9 116
Government administration & defence	no.	12 212
Education	no.	7 655
Health and community services	no.	11 954
Cultural and recreational services	no.	2 541
Personal and other services	no.	5 309
Total	no.	97 680

OVERSEAS TRADE

Value of NT imports from

		2004	2005
France	\$m	476.1	846.2
Singapore	\$m	357.2	467.4
Kuwait	\$m	106.0	165.0
Japan	\$m	273.4	112.8
Thailand	\$m	3.5	112.7
United States of America	\$m	179.5	83.1
Malaysia	\$m	28.2	55.1
China	\$m	20.9	37.3
<i>Total all countries</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>1 833.5</i>	<i>2 103.9</i>

Value of NT exports to

China	\$m	522.2	610.2
Singapore	\$m	308.8	257.9
Canada	\$m	184.6	238.5
Taiwan	\$m	42.2	193.3
United States of America	\$m	122.1	177.2
Japan	\$m	105.9	157.7
Indonesia	\$m	101.6	137.2
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	\$m	122.6	120.4
<i>Total all countries</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>2 036.3</i>	<i>2 305.1</i>

INTERNET ACTIVITY

		Mar qtr 2004	Mar qtr 2005
ISPs	no.	18	14
Access lines	no.	13 363	18 146
All subscribers	no.	32 000	43 000
Data downloaded	million MBs	35	97

PRICES — DARWIN

		2003–04	2004–05
Consumer Price Index (Base: 1989–90 = 100.0)		138.7	141.8
Established House Price Index (Base: 2003–04 = 100.0)		100.0	p 115.9
Average Retail Prices — Darwin (cents)		Dec qtr 2004	Dec qtr 2005
Bread, white loaf, sliced	650 g	294	323
Rump steak	1 kg	1 685	1 889
Potatoes	1 kg	228	265
Eggs — 1 dozen (700 g — 2004)	600 g	411	351
Margarine, polyunsaturated	500 g	254	260
Coffee, instant	150 g jar	580	621
Draught beer, full strength, public bar	285 ml glass	285	300
Petrol, unleaded	1 litre	110.8	129.5

PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

Agriculture		2004	2005
All live cattle exports	'000	198.0	218.9
All live cattle exports	\$m	117.3	132.8
Meat exports	\$m	1.3	2.0
Fruit & nut exports	\$'000	768.2	910.5
Vegetable exports	\$'000	474.2	62.7
		2002–03	2003–04
Total livestock slaughterings, disposals and products	\$m	238.5	241.4
Crops and horticulture	\$m	52.3	52.2
Total agriculture (gross value)	\$m	290.7	293.6
Fishing (estimated value of catch)		2002–03	2003–04
Prawns	\$m	54.9	48.1
Total of all species	\$m	110.2	107.6

MINERALS, OIL AND GAS

Mineral exploration expenditure		2003–04	2003–04
Total mineral exploration (other than petroleum)	\$m	42.5	55.6
Gold	\$m	20.0	26.7
Uranium	\$m	4.8	6.9
Diamonds	\$m	6.6	5.2
Petroleum exploration	\$m	33.8	99.2
Value of mineral production		2002–03	2003–04
Metallic minerals	\$m	1 295.6	1 329.7
Non-metallic minerals	\$m	49.5	20.5
Energy minerals	\$m	1 471.0	942.4

TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

Hotels, motels and serviced apartments (15 or more rooms)		Year ended Sep 2004	Year ended Sep 2005
Guest arrivals	'000	1 235.6	1 205.0
Takings from accommodation	\$m	159.7	177.7
Room occupancy rate	%	56.9	60.1
Average length of stay	days	1.9	2.0

TRANSPORT

		2004	2005
Sales of new motor vehicles	no.	8 896	9 524
Motor vehicles on register (excl. motorcycles)	no.	102 787	106 423
Motorcycles on register	no.	3 229	3 396

SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED

°C	— degrees Celsius	no.	— number
g	— gram	p	— preliminary
ISP	— Internet Service Provider	r	— revised
kg	— kilogram	qtr	— quarter
km ²	— square kilometre	%	— per cent
ml	— millilitre	'000	— thousands
mm	— millimetre	\$	— dollars
MBs	— megabytes	\$m	— millions dollars

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