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at a glance

# people

## POPULATION

		ACT	Aust.
Composition		Jun 2006	Jun 2006
Estimated resident population	'000	p334.2	p20 701.5
Male population	'000	p165.5	p10 290.3
Female population	'000	p169.8	p10 485.5
Population by Age			
0 to 14 years	%	19	19
15 to 29 years	%	24	21
30 to 44 years	%	23	22
45 to 59 years	%	20	20
60 to 74 years	%	10	12
75 and over	%	4	6
Median age of population	years	34.4	32.2

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Population density	persons/km <sup>2</sup>	Land area km <sup>2</sup>
Canberra	413.4	807.7
ACT - balance	0.2	1 543.9
Total ACT	142.1	2 351.6

## DEMOGRAPHY

		ACT	Aust.
	Unit	2005/06	2005/06
Annual population growth rate	%	1.2	1.4
	Unit	2005	2005
Births (per 1,000 of the population) crude rate		12.9	12.8
Total live births	'000	4.2	259.7
Boys	%	51	51
Girls	%	49	49
Deaths (per 1,000 of the population) standardised rate		5.6	6.0
Males	%	49.8	49.7
Females	%	50.2	50.3
Marriage (per 1,000 of the population) crude rate		5.1	5.4
Registered marriages		1 655*	109 323

\*All marriages registered in the ACT regardless of place of residence.

## HEALTH

		ACT	Aust.
Life expectancy at birth	Unit	2005	2005
Boy	years	79.9	78.5
Girl	years	84.0	83.3
Standardised death rate (per 1,000 standard population)	rate	5.6	6.0
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births) rate		5.5	5.0

## MEDICARE SERVICES AND BENEFITS

Average number of services (per person)	Unit	2004/05	2005/06
Persons	no.	9	10
Males	no.	9	10
Females	no.	11	12

## EDUCATION

Establishments (Feb.)	Unit	2006	2007
Government Preschools	no.	82	84
Schools (a)			
Government	no.	95	88
Non-government	no.	44	44
Higher education	no.	4	5
Student enrolments (Feb)			
Government Preschools	no.	3 369	3 520
ACT Schools	no.	60 142	59 970
Primary	no.	30 848	30 668
High school	no.	19 437	19 447
Secondary college	no.	9 535	9 517
Special school	no.	322	338
Government schools	no.	35 463	35 020
Non-government	no.	24 679	24 950
		2004	2005
Higher education enrolments	no.	28 840	28 630

(a) Excludes special schools.

### SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS

ACT Australian Capital Territory	%	per cent
Aust. Australia	°	degree
ha hectare	--	nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)
incl. including	p	preliminary
km kilometre	np	not available for publication but included in totals where applicable, unless otherwise stated
km <sup>2</sup> square kilometres	Jan.	January
mm millimetres	Feb.	February
no. number	Mar.	March
qtr quarter	Jun.	June
r revised	Aug.	August
°C degrees Celsius	Sept.	September
'000 thousand	Oct.	October
\$'000 - dollars thousand	Nov.	November
\$m - dollars million	Dec.	December

## LABOUR FORCE

	Unit	ACT	Aust.
Average Financial Year 2006/07 (original)			
Total labour force	'000	193.8	10 823.5
Employed people	'000	188.1	10 334.6
Male - Full-time	'000	83.1	4 829.1
Male - Part-time	'000	14.4	862.4
Male - Total	%	52	55
Female - Full-time	'000	58.8	2 564.2
Female - Part-time	'000	31.8	2 078.8
Female - Total	%	48	45
Unemployed people	'000	5.7	489
Unemployment rate	%	3	4.5
Participation rate	%	73.6	64.8

	Unit	ACT	Aust.
Average weekly earnings (trend)			
		May 2006	May 2006
All full-time adult employees	\$	1 215.50	1 043.00
All males - full-time adult ordinary time earnings	\$	1 280.80	1 104.70
All female - full-time adult ordinary time earnings	\$	1 109.50	930.20
		May 2007	May 2007
All full-time adult employees	\$	1 287.50	1 088.40
All males - full-time adult ordinary time earnings	\$	1 383.70	1 156.0
All female - full-time adult ordinary time earnings	\$	1 170.70	968.2

## CRIME

Offence category	Unit	2006	2007
Murder	no.	4	3
Assault	no.	1 772	1 950
Sexual assault	no.	163	214
Kidnapping/abduction	no.	--	3
Armed robbery	no.	108	144
Unarmed robbery	no.	137	116
Blackmail/extortion	no.	3	0
Unlawful entry with intent	no.	4 602	4 857
Motor vehicle theft	no.	2 040	2 141
Other theft	no.	8 505	8 843

# industry

## BUSINESS

Businesses at June 2006	Unit	Employing	Non-employed	Total active businesses
	no.	9 804 (41%)	14 187 (59%)	23 994
Top 3 industries				
Property and business services	no.	3 156 (32%)	4 554 (32%)	7 710 (32%)
Retail trade	no.	1 545 (16%)	1 008 (7%)	2 553 (11%)
Construction	no.	1 321 (13%)	3 198 (23%)	4 519 (19%)
Employee numbers		0-19	20-199	200+
	no.	8 643 (88%)	1 104 (11%)	57 (less than 1%)

## BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION

	Unit	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
Building commencements (original)				
Residential building (incl. alterations & additions)	\$m	631.9	515.6	635.8
Non-residential building	\$m	495.1	1 182.3	763.6
Engineering construction	\$m	234.8	344.9	279.6
Total	\$m	1 361.8	2 042.8	1679
New residential dwelling unit approvals				
Houses	no.	985	1 044	1265
Other dwellings	no.	1 294	823	982
Total	no.	2 279	1 867	2 247

## TRANSPORT

Vehicles as at year ending Mar.	Unit	2005	2006
New motor vehicle sales	no.	14 727	14 872
Total registered motor vehicles	no.	219 552	224 076
Passenger vehicles	no.	188 641	191 763
Light commercial	no.	19 472	20 188
Motor cycles	no.	7 385	8 022
Licences at year ending Jan.	Unit	2005	2006
Current and active driver's licences	no.	278 183	282 363
Full licences	no.	232 927	237 301
Provisional licences	no.	17 686	18 155
Learner licences	no.	11 856	11 499

## RETAIL TRADE TURNOVER

Jun. monthly (original)	Unit	2005	2006	2007
Food retailing	\$m	130.5	131.0	148.5
Department stores	\$m	32.6	34.2	32.4
Clothing and soft good retailing	\$m	20.3	21.0	24.3
Household good retailing	\$m	60.7	75.9	78.4
Recreational good retailing	\$m	13.2*	13.4*	15.7*
Other retailing	\$m	22.9*	26.9*	24.6*
Hospitality and service industries	\$m	42.3*	46.2	54.4*
Total	\$m	322.4	348.7	378.4

\* Estimate has a relative standard error of 10% to less than 25% and should be used with caution.

## TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

Hotels, Motels, Guest houses and Serviced apartments with 15 or more rooms

Jun. quarter	Unit	2005	2006	2007
Number of establishments	no.	58	59	57
Guest rooms	no.	4 959	5 055	5 023
Bed spaces	no.	13 656	14 145	14 885
Room occupancy rates	%	69.2	69.3	69.3
Takings from accommodation	\$'000	38 543.1	41 324.3	45 747.9

## AGRICULTURE

Year ended 30 June	Unit	2006
Number of agricultural businesses	no.	220
Total area of agricultural holdings	ha	80 800
Livestock		
Cattle and calves	'000	17
Sheep and lambs	'000	111
Chickens for egg production	'000	220
Chickens for meat production	'000	3 547
Apples and Grapes		
Apples produced	tonnes	62
Apple trees in orchards	'000	2
Grapes produced	tonnes	740
Area of bearing grape vines	ha	106
Gross value of production		
Crops (incl. apples, grapes, pastures and grasses)	\$m	5.5
Livestock slaughterings and other disposals	\$m	4.8
Livestock products (incl. wool and eggs)	\$m	8.9
Total agriculture	\$m	19.2

# economy

## STATE ACCOUNTS

Gross State Product	Unit	Period	ACT	Aust.
Current Prices	\$m	2005/06	19 477	965 969
Chain volume measures	\$m	2005/06	19 098	921 747
Percentage change from previous year	%	2005/06	2	2
Final Consumption Expenditure (chain volume)				
General government	\$m	2005/06	16 002	167 962
Household	\$m	2005/06	10 376	534 311
			Percentage of total factor income	
Industry contribution			\$m	
Government administration and defence			4 811	26.7
Property and business services			2 290	12.7
Gross household disposable income	Unit	ACT	Aust.	
	\$ per capita	\$45 382	\$29 257	
Foreign trade	Unit	2004/05	2005/06	Increase
Exports of services from the ACT	\$m	854	903	49 (6%)
Imports of services to the ACT	\$m	1 082	1 154	72 (7%)
Lending activity	Unit	2005/06	2006/07	Increase
Housing finance commitments for owner occupation	\$m	1 848	2 374	526 (28%)
Fixed personal finance commitments	\$m	449	550	101 (22%)
Government Finance Statistics	Unit	2005/06	%	
Total revenue	\$m	2 694	100	
Taxation	\$m	782	29	
Current grants and subsidies	\$m	1 118	41	
Sales of goods and services	\$m	310	12	
Interest income	\$m	111	4	
Other	\$m	373	14	
Total Expenses	\$m	2 828	100	
Operating	\$m	2 083	74	
Net operating balance	\$m	-134		
Net operating borrowing	\$m	-167		

## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

		ACT	Aust.
Consumer Price Index	% change 2005/06	3.0	2.9

Note: The CPI data refers to Canberra instead of the ACT, and the Australian data is the weighted average of the eight capital cities.

change from previous period	Unit	2005/06	2006/07
All groups	% change	3.5	3
Food	% change	4.4	5.2
Alcohol and tobacco	% change	3.3	3.5
Clothing and footwear	% change	0.4	-1.4
Housing	% change	3.9	4.7
Household contents and services	% change	3.2	1.9
Health	% change	5.2	3.8
Transportation	% change	6.8	1.1
Communication	% change	-1.4	1.2
Recreation	% change	1.3	1.9
Education	% change	6.4	3
Financial and insurance services	% change	na.	2

## environment

	Unit	2006	Long-term average
Annual rainfall	mm	360.6	622.8
Days of rain	no.	69	103
Thunderstorms	no. of days	22	21
Average daily maximum temperature	°C	21.7	19.6
Average daily minimum temperature	°C	7	6.4
Days when temperature exceeded 30°C	no.	64	30
Days of frost	no.	117	95
Days of fog	no.	26	41
Mean daily wind run	km per day	183.2	189.6
Average hours of sunshine per day	no.	8.5	7.6
Extremes	Unit	2006	Recorded extremes
Air temperature - highest	°C	39.9 (1 Jan.)	42.2 (1 Feb. 1968)
Air temperature - lowest	°C	-0.6 (8 Aug.)	-10 (11 Jul. 1971)
Rainfall - highest month	mm	79.0 (Jan.)	312 (Mar. 1950)
Rainfall - lowest month	mm	4.0 (Oct.)	0.0 (multiple)

Source: Bureau of Meteorology, Canberra Meteorological Office



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Self-government for the Territory was proclaimed on 11 May 1989. The ACT is the smallest of Australia's six states and two territories in area, but has the highest population density.



	% of Australian total
Area	0.03
Demography	
Estimated Resident Population (Jun. 2006)	1.6
Labour force (original figures)	
Employed persons (Sept. 2007)	1.8
Unemployed persons (Sept. 2007)	1.0

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