

2001 Census Miscellaneous Collection Districts

There are a number of types of Collection Districts (CDs) that are atypical and require some explanation. Such CDs are generally referred to as Miscellaneous CDs and fall into 6 basic types: Point CDs, Water CDs, Off-Shore CDs, Shipping CDs, Migratory CDs and Nil CDs.

Point Collection Districts

Point CDs are special purpose CDs where a specific community has a central location but where the boundaries of the community are not discretely defined. Thus the geographic area of the community can not be defined on a map. Point CDs may include:

- Indigenous Community CDs – these are defined where there is a significant central location for an Indigenous population;
- Defence Establishment CDs – are defined where there is a clear grouping and special enumeration procedures are required; and
- Mining or Construction towns or camps CDs – are defined when the town or camp is expected to exist for at least two censuses.

However, the above special purpose CDs are not always Point CDs.

Point CDs are represented on CD maps and in the digital boundary files as a star-shaped boundary (see below).



Point CDs are positioned approximately at the central location of the community. Apart from their distinctive shape, they can also be identified by their CD Type. The area assigned to each CD does not reflect the area occupied by the people enumerated in that CD and therefore point CDs are not representative of the population when used in choropleth (thematic or shaded) mapping. Similarly the area assigned to these CDs is not appropriate for population density analysis. Information on the actual area occupied by the populations in these CDs is not available due to either:

- the limitations of available mapping;
- cultural sensitivities; or
- a deliberate decision not to disclose the size, shape and exact location of some communities.

A single point CD may sometimes form a higher level area, for example, a Point CD boundary may also be a Postal Area (POA) boundary. Geographic classifications where this may occur include Urban Centre/Localities (UC/Ls), Postal Areas (POAs), Indigenous Areas (IAREs) and Indigenous Locations (ILOCs). Such boundaries are easily identified by their star shape. The same constraints that apply to the use of point CDs for thematic mapping and population density analysis apply also to these higher level areas.

Water Collection Districts

Water CDs cover bodies of water such as lakes and parts of rivers where people are likely to be counted on Census Night, for example, sections of Sydney Harbour where people are likely to be resident on vessels.

Water CDs have a default land-based CD to which they are linked. This CD is normally nominated because of a connection to the water CD, for example, it is the place where people are likely to come ashore. The census form for any person enumerated in a Water CD is transferred to the default land-based CD at the time that the census forms are processed. Water CDs therefore do not have any statistical data associated with them – they are nil CDs – and no digital boundaries have been made available for them.

Deliberate Nil Collection Districts

Deliberate Nil CDs are land based CDs that have been purposely designed to contain no dwellings or population. This could occur for example in industrial areas and national parks. The inclusion of these unpopulated areas into an adjoining urban area would distort the calculated population density. These CDs are still allocated to collectors who confirm their Nil CD status. The census form for any person enumerated in a Nil CD is transferred to the nominated alternative CD at the time that the census forms are processed. Deliberate Nil CDs can be identified by their CD Type.

Deliberate Nil CDs should not be confused with CDs where it was expected that people would be counted but for some reason none was present on Census Night.

In Western Australia there are 513 Deliberate Nil CDs. This number, much higher than for any other state or territory, results from the manner in which Indigenous outstation CDs were initially designed. Many of these CDs had a low population count and their counts have been transferred to their surrounding CD.

Off-Shore, Shipping and Migratory Collection Districts

Off-Shore, shipping and migratory CDs are not spatial units in the usual sense as they have no defined boundaries.

Off-Shore, shipping and migratory CDs are defined for all of the States of Australia and the Northern Territory. They are not defined for the Australian Capital Territory and the Other Territories.

Off-Shore Collection Districts

An Off-Shore CD covers all structures (such as oil and gas drilling rigs) in Australian waters or those structures outside Australian waters for which immigration formalities are not required to be completed.

For the 2001 Census, each state and territory (with the exception of the ACT) has a single Off-Shore CD. Australian residents temporarily in Antarctica have been included in a second Off-Shore CD for Tasmania. Australian residents at Macquarie Island on Census Night are also counted in the second Off-Shore CD for Tasmania.

Off-Shore CDs will not be represented in 2001 digital boundary files as they have no defined geographic location.

Shipping Collection Districts

A Shipping CD covers an area of water, normally a port which is controlled by a Port Authority. The types of vessels in a Shipping CD that need to be enumerated include cargo vessels (with Australian crews or crew members), passenger liners, fishing vessels, dredges, pleasure craft, and yachts.

People enumerated on board vessels between Australian ports are also attributed to Shipping CDs.

In general, people on board vessels departing for an overseas port are considered out of scope for the Census as they have departed from the country.

Shipping CDs will be represented in digital CD boundary files for CDATA 2001 as boundaries in the shape of a boat (see below). Polygons have been used instead of point symbols because in MapInfo, point symbols stay at a constant display size irrespective of map scale. Symbols would therefore dominate maps of larger areas.

Migratory Collection Districts

The Migratory CD is used to record all people who are in transit on long distance trains, buses and aircraft on Census Night. The crew and staff of both passenger and other commercial land and air transport are also attributed to the Migratory CD. However, people enumerated on board vessels travelling between Australian sea ports are allocated to a Shipping CD.

Migratory CDs will not be represented in 2001 digital boundary files as they have no defined geographic location.

Dwellings in Off-Shore Shipping and Migratory Collection Districts

Ships and other commercial transport can include dwellings. These dwellings are classified into two types: “Migratory dwellings” and “Off-Shore dwellings”. Dwellings in ships either in port or between Australian ports are counted in the Off-Shore CD for the respective state or territory. Dwellings in the Antarctica and Macquarie Island are counted in the second Off-Shore CD for Tasmania.

Off-Shore, Shipping and Migratory is a separate class in each level of the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) for those structures which cover all of Geographical Australia. POAs and Electoral Divisions (SED and CED) also have a separate class for Off-Shore, Shipping and Migratory. For more information please refer to the publications: *Statistical Geography: Volume 1 Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) 2001* (cat. no. 1216.0) and *Statistical Geography: Volume 2 Census Geographic Areas, Australia 2001* (cat. no. 2905.0).

List of 2001 Census Off-Shore, Shipping and Migratory Collection Districts:

New South Wales

1450101	Migratory
1450102	Off-Shore
1450201	Clarence River (Shipping)
1450202	Eden (Shipping)
1450203	Newcastle (Shipping)
1450204	Rozelle, Sydney (Shipping)
1450205	Johnstons Bay area, Sydney (Shipping)
1450206	Darling Harbour, Balmain, McMahon's Point area (Shipping)
1450207	Kirribilli, Garden Island area (Shipping)
1450208	Port Jackson Area (Inc. Middle Harbour) (Shipping)
1450209	Botany Bay (Shipping)
1450210	Port Kembla (Shipping)

Victoria

2390101	Migratory
2390102	Off-Shore
2390201	Port of Melbourne (Shipping)
2390202	Port of Geelong (Shipping)
2390203	Port of Hastings (Shipping)
2390204	Port of Portland (Shipping)
2390205	Port of Corner Inlet (Shipping)
2390206	Port of Apollo Bay (Shipping)
2390207	Port of Port Fairy and Port of Warrnambool (Shipping)
2390208	Port of San Remo (Shipping)

Queensland

3270101	Migratory
3270102	Off-Shore
3270201	Karumba (Shipping)
3270202	Weipa (Shipping)
3270203	Thursday Island (Shipping)

3270204	Cairns (Shipping)
3270205	Mourilyan (Shipping)
3270206	Lucinda Point (Shipping)
3270207	Townsville (Shipping)
3270208	Cape Flattery Area (Shipping)
3270209	Abbot Point (Shipping)
3270210	Mackay (Shipping)
3270211	Hay Point (Shipping)
3270212	Rockhampton (Shipping)
3270213	Gladstone (Shipping)
3270214	Bundaberg (Shipping)
3270215	Innisfail (Shipping)
3270216	Brisbane (Shipping)



South Australia

4150101	Migratory
4150102	Off-Shore
4150201	Thevenard (Shipping)
4150202	Port Lincoln (Shipping)
4150203	Whyalla and Port Bonython (Shipping)
4150204	Port Pirie (Shipping)
4150205	Walleroo (Shipping)
4150206	Port Bonython (Shipping)
4150207	Edithburgh & Port Giles (Shipping)
4150208	Androssan (Shipping)
4150209	Outer Harbour (Shipping)
4150210	Port Adelaide (Shipping)
4150211	Port Stanvac (Shipping)

Western Australia

5140101	Migratory
5140102	Off-Shore
5140201	Wyndham (Shipping)
5140202	Kalbarri (Shipping)
5140203	Derby (Shipping)
5140204	Broome (Shipping)
5140205	Port Hedland (Shipping)
5140206	Port Walcott (Shipping)
5140207	Dampier (Shipping)
5140208	Barrow Island (Shipping)
5140209	Onslow (Shipping)
5140210	Exmouth Gulf (Shipping)
5140211	Carnarvon (Shipping)
5140212	Geraldton (Shipping)
5140213	Fremantle (Shipping)
5140214	Kwinana (Shipping)
5140215	Bunbury (Shipping)
5140216	Albany (Shipping)
5140217	Esperance (Shipping)
5140218	Busselton (Shipping)
5140219	Mandurah Port (Shipping)
5140220	Lancelin (Shipping)
5140221	Port Denison (Shipping)
5140222	Jurien (Shipping)

Tasmania

6060101	Migratory
6060102	Off-Shore
6060103	Antarctica
6060201	Burnie (Shipping)
6060202	Devonport (Shipping)
6060203	Tamar River (Shipping)
6060204	Hobart (Shipping)
6060205	Currie (Shipping)
6060206	Whitemark (Shipping)
6060207	Triabunna (Shipping)

Northern Territory

7040101	Migratory
7040102	Off-Shore
7040201	Darwin (Shipping)
7040202	Nhulunbuy (Gove) (Shipping)
7040203	Groote Eylandt (Shipping)
7040204	McArthur River Mines (Shipping)

Australian Capital Territory

No Migratory, Off-Shore or Shipping

Other Territories

No Migratory, Off-Shore or Shipping