



Gold Coast City Council

Coombabah Statistical Profile

Introduction

This information is for Coombabah Statistical Local Area (SLA) in Gold Coast City. Unless otherwise stated, all data are from the Time Series Profile of the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) 2001 Census of Population and Housing (taken on 7 August 2001), which counts both residents and domestic visitors to the SLA on Census night.

Resident Population

The preliminary estimate of the resident population of Coombabah at 30 June 2002 was 9,410 people, an increase of 1,618 or 20.8% since 1997.

Age

In 2001, the number of people aged under 15 years represented 17.5% of the population of Coombabah (down from 18.1% in 1991), lower than for Gold Coast City (19.3%). People aged 65 years and over represented 23.0% (up from 18.5% in 1991), higher than for Gold Coast City (15.2%) (Table 1).

Table 1. Age profile

Persons (excluding overseas visitors)

Age (years)	1991			1996			2001		
	Coombabah			GCC	Coombabah				
	%	%	%		Males	Females	Persons		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.			
0-4	6.2	6.3	6.3	6.1	284	272	556		
5-9	6.3	5.7	5.3	6.6	246	225	471		
10-14	5.6	5.1	5.9	6.6	256	266	522		
15-19	6.8	4.9	5.3	6.5	238	230	468		
20-24	6.6	7.4	5.5	6.5	237	255	492		
25-34	13.6	14.5	13.3	14.1	538	646	1,184		
35-44	14.2	12.3	12.4	14.4	507	595	1,102		
45-54	11.5	11.0	11.3	13.6	447	552	999		
55-64	10.6	10.9	11.7	10.4	465	572	1,037		
65-74	12.7	13.8	12.1	8.3	475	596	1,071		
75+	5.8	8.1	11.0	6.9	402	570	972		
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4,095	4,779	8,874		

Educational qualifications

In 2001, the proportion of people aged 15 years and over in Coombabah with a Bachelor degree or higher was 5.3% (up from 2.2% in 1991), lower than Gold Coast City (Table 2).

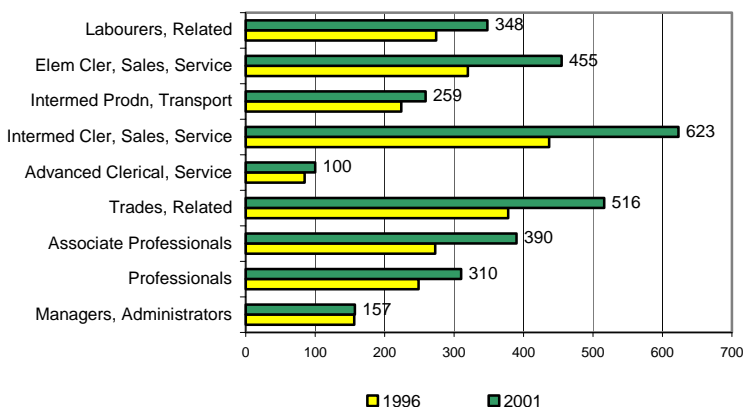
Table 2. Educational Qualifications

Persons aged 15 years and over (excluding overseas visitors)

Level of education	1991			1996			2001		
	Coombabah			GCC	Coombabah				
	%	%	%		No.	%			
Postgraduate Degree	0.1	0.4	0.4	32	1.0				
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	0.3	0.4	0.5	33	0.8				
Bachelor Degree	1.9	3.2	4.4	322	7.0				
Advanced Dip and Dip	3.4	4.5	4.5	327	5.8				
Trade Certificate	16.4	15.7	17.8	1,306	17.4				
Not stated	13.6	13.3	13.7	1,003	13.6				
Not applicable	64.3	62.5	58.7	4,301	54.5				
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	7,324	100.0				

Figure 1. Occupation

Employed persons (excluding overseas visitors)



Employment

The labour force in Coombabah in 2001 represented 50.4% of people aged 15 years and over (down from 55.1% in 1991), lower than for Gold Coast City (57.6%). From 1991 to 2001, part-time employment in Coombabah increased from 13.9% to 16.5% (Table 3). The unemployment rate* decreased from 14.4% to 12.5%.

* Persons unemployed divided by persons in labour force

Table 3. Employment

Persons aged 15 years and over (excluding overseas visitors)

Labour force status	1991			1996			2001		
	Coombabah			GCC	Coombabah				
	%	%	%		No.	%			
Employed, working:									
Full time(a)	30.6	27.2	26.1	1,909	31.6				
Part time	13.9	14.1	16.5	1,207	18.8				
Not stated(b)	2.7	1.0	1.6	114	1.7				
Total employed.	47.2	42.2	44.1	3,230	52.0				
Unemployed, looking for:									
Full time work	6.4	6.7	4.8	349	4.1				
Part time work	1.6	1.6	1.5	112	1.5				
Total unemployed	7.9	8.3	6.3	461	5.6				
Total labour force	55.1	50.6	50.4	3,691	57.6				
Not in the labour force	43.0	47.4	44.7	3,279	36.7				
Not stated(c)	1.8	2.1	4.9	358	5.7				
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	7,328	100.0				

(a) The definition of 'full-time' changed between the 1991 and 1996 Census

(b) Includes employed persons who did not state their hours worked

(c) Includes persons who did not state their labour force status

Income

The median gross weekly individual income in Coombabah in 2001 was in the range \$200-\$299 (up from the \$40-\$79 range in 1991). In Coombabah, 8.4% of people aged 15 years and over received less than \$120 in 2001 (11.3% for Gold Coast City) and 2.8% received a high income of \$1,000 or more (7.3% for Gold Coast City) (Table 4).

Table 4. Income

Persons aged 15 years and over (excluding overseas visitors)

Weekly Individual Income	2001			
	Coombabah		GCC	
	%	No.	%	No.
Negative-\$119	8.4	613	11.3	613
\$120-\$199	20.0	1,468	14.0	1,468
\$200-\$399	30.3	2,218	24.2	2,218
\$400-\$599	17.7	1,298	18.2	1,298
\$600-\$799	8.7	639	10.5	639
\$800-\$999	3.8	279	5.4	279
\$1000 or more	2.8	207	7.3	207
Not stated	8.3	607	9.1	607
Total	100.0	7,329	100.0	7,329

Occupation

The main occupation in 2001 was Intermediate Clerical, Sales and Service Workers (623 people or 19.3% of employed people) followed by Tradespersons and Related Workers (516 people or 16.0%) (Figure 1). Since 1996, the biggest increase was recorded in the number of people working as Intermediate Clerical, Sales and Service Workers and there were no occupations showing a decrease.

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Place of birth

In 2001, 30.3% of the Coombabah population were overseas born, 21.4% in main English speaking countries and 8.9% in other countries. The proportion of overseas born people in Coombabah was higher than for Gold Coast City (24.4%) (Table 5).

Table 5. Place of birth
Persons (excluding overseas visitors)

Place of birth	1991		1996		2001	
	Coombabah		GCC		GCC	
	%	%	%	No.	%	%
Australia	71.3	67.4	64.2	5,706	69.1	
MES(a)	20.5	20.0	21.4	1,900	15.2	
NMES(b)	6.5	8.5	8.9	788	9.2	
Not stated	1.6	4.1	5.6	495	6.5	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	8,889	100.0	

(a) Main English speaking countries: comprises United Kingdom, USA, Ireland, South Africa, New Zealand and Canada

(b) Non-Main English Speaking Countries: other than the MES countries

Household types

In 2001, 33.3% of the population of Coombabah lived in a family comprising a couple with children (compared to 44.9% for Gold Coast City), and 31.0% lived in couple only households. The proportion of people in one parent families increased from 8.1% in 1991 to 15.0% in 2001, while the proportion of people living alone increased from 11.4% to 13.8% (Table 6).

Table 6. Household types
Persons in family, group and lone person h/holds (excl overseas visitors)

Household type and Family type	1991 (a)		1996		2001 (b)	
	Coombabah		GCC		GCC	
	%	%	%	No.	%	%
One family household:						
Couple with children	45.8	34.8	33.3	2,779	44.9	
Couple without children	28.1	31.0	31.0	2,585	23.1	
One parent family	8.1	12.8	15.0	1,254	12.9	
Other family	0.8	0.8	1.0	86	1.0	
Total	82.8	79.5	80.4	6,704	81.9	
Multi-family household	1.4	1.1	1.3	108	1.8	
Lone person household	11.4	13.3	13.8	1,150	10.7	
Group household	4.3	6.2	4.5	377	5.6	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	8,339	100.0	

(a) In 1991, 'Manufactured Home Estates' and 'Accommodation for the Retired or Aged (self-care)' have been excluded. These dwellings were Non-private dwellings in 1991.

(b) In 2001, Serviced Apartments and persons living in Serviced Apartments have been included. These dwellings were Non-private dwellings in 1991 and 1996.

Tenure of dwellings

Of the 3,932 occupied private dwellings in Coombabah, 40.1% were fully owned (down from 49.9% in 1991), 14.7% were being purchased and 39.5% were being rented. Coombabah recorded higher proportions of dwellings being rented and lower proportions being purchased than Gold Coast City (Table 7).

Table 7. Tenure of dwellings
Occupied private dwellings

Tenure type	1991(a)		1996		2001(b)	
	Coombabah		GCC		GCC	
	%	%	%	No.	%	%
Fully owned	49.9	43.9	40.1	1,578	33.3	
Being purchased(c)	21.1	13.6	14.7	577	22.8	
Rented:						
State Housing Authority	0.4	0.8	0.9	37	2.5	
Other landlord type(c)	21.6	35.9	37.8	1,486	31.7	
Not stated	1.6	0.4	0.8	31	0.5	
Other Tenure type(c)	5.4	5.5	5.7	223	9.2	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	3,932	100.0	

(a) In 1991, 'Manufactured Home Estates' and 'Accommodation for the Retired or Aged (self-care)' have been excluded. These dwellings were Non-private dwellings in 1991.

(b) In 2001, Serviced apartments and persons living in Serviced apartments have been included. These dwellings were Non-private dwellings in 1991 and 1996

(c) There were changes in definition between the 1991 and 1996 Census.

Dwellings

In Coombabah in 2001, 55.9% of all private dwellings were separate houses (down from 62.0% in 1991), 37.6% were semi-detached, row/terrace or townhouses (up from 20.9%), and 0.2% were flats, units or apartments (up from 0.2%). In Gold Coast City, 57.1% of dwellings were separate houses, 16.1% were semi-detached and 23.6% were flats (Table 8). The average household size in Coombabah declined from 2.4 people per occupied private dwelling in 1991 to 2.2 in 2001.

Table 8. Dwellings
Private dwellings (occupied and unoccupied)

Dwelling Structure	1991(a)		1996		2001(b)	
	Coombabah		GCC		GCC	
	%	%	%	No.	%	%
Separate house	62.0	50.6	55.9	2,317	57.1	
Semi-detached, row or terrace house, townhouse	20.9	38.7	37.6	1,559	16.1	
Flat, unit or apartment:						
In 1 or 2 storey block	0.0	0.2	0.1	6	8.0	
In 3 or more storey block	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	15.3	
Attached to a house	0.2	0.0	0.1	3	0.3	
Total	0.2	0.2	0.2	9	23.6	
Other dwelling:						
Caravan, houseboat	16.4	7.3	5.6	231	1.5	
Improvised, tent etc	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.1	
Attached to a shop, office	0.0	0.2	0.1	3	0.2	
Total	16.4	7.5	5.6	234	1.7	
Not stated	0.5	3.1	0.6	25	1.6	

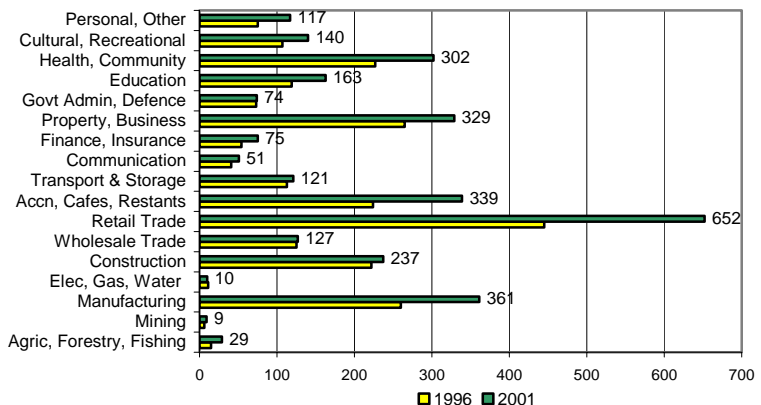
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Industry

The main industry of employment in 2001 was Retail Trade (652 people or 20.2% of employed people) followed by Manufacturing (361 people or 11.2%) (Figure 2). Since 1996, the biggest increase was recorded in the number of people working in Retail Trade and the biggest decrease was in Electricity, Gas and Water Supply.

Figure 2. Industry
Employed persons (excluding overseas visitors)



Other population facts from the 2001 Census

	Coombabah	GCC
Visitors from different SLA (No.) (a)	374	48,720
Lived at same address 5 years ago (%) (b)	32.9	38.5
Households with no motor vehicle (%) (a)	9.4	9.1

(a) Sourced from Basic Community Profile, ABS 2001 Census of Population and Housing

(b) Sourced from Usual Residents Profile, ABS 2001 Census of Population and Housing

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