



# Coomera-Cedar Creek Statistical Profile

## Introduction

This information is for Coomera-Cedar Creek 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 Coomera-Cedar Creek at 30 June 2002 was 12,354 people, an increase of 5,649 or 84.3% since 1997.

## Age

In 2001, the number of people aged under 15 years represented 28.8% of the population of Coomera-Cedar Creek (up from 25.0% in 1991), higher than for Gold Coast City (19.3%). People aged 65 years and over represented 5.8% (down from 7.7% in 1991), lower than for Gold Coast City (15.2%) (Table 1).

## Employment

The labour force in Coomera-Cedar Creek in 2001 represented 66.4% of people aged 15 years and over (up from 66.1% in 1991), higher than for Gold Coast City (57.6%). From 1991 to 2001, part-time employment in Coomera-Cedar Creek increased from 16.8% to 19.1% (Table 3). The unemployment rate\* decreased from 12.0% to 9.5%.

\* Persons unemployed divided by persons in labour force

Table 1. Age profile

Persons (excluding overseas visitors)

Age (years)	1991		1996		2001		
	Coomera-Cedar Creek			GCC	Coomera-Cedar Creek		
	%	%	%		No.	No.	No.
				Males			
0-4	8.2	7.6	9.7	6.1	554	527	1,081
5-9	8.7	8.2	10.2	6.6	602	540	1,142
10-14	8.2	8.4	8.9	6.6	500	492	992
15-19	7.8	6.3	5.6	6.5	311	311	622
20-24	6.0	5.8	6.6	6.5	349	388	737
25-34	14.3	13.8	18.0	14.1	932	1,079	2,011
35-44	18.7	16.7	15.8	14.4	859	910	1,769
45-54	13.3	16.5	12.4	13.6	717	669	1,386
55-64	7.2	8.0	6.9	10.4	417	357	774
65-74	4.3	4.9	3.4	8.3	213	166	379
75+	3.4	3.6	2.4	6.9	114	158	272
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	5,568	5,597	11,165

Table 3. Employment

Persons aged 15 years and over (excluding overseas visitors)

Labour force status	1991		1996		2001	
	Coomera-Cedar Creek			GCC	No.	%
	%	%	%			
Employed, working:						
Full time(a)	38.0	39.2	38.9	3089	31.6	
Part time	16.8	18.9	19.1	1,517	18.8	
Not stated(b)	3.4	1.1	2.1	169	1.7	
Total employed.	58.1	59.2	60.1	4,775	52.0	
Unemployed, looking for:						
Full time work	6.5	5.5	4.7	377	4.1	
Part time work	1.4	1.2	1.6	124	1.5	
Total unemployed	7.9	6.7	6.3	501	5.6	
Total labour force	66.1	65.9	66.4	5,276	57.6	
Not in the labour force	31.4	30.7	26.9	2,139	36.7	
Not stated(c)	2.5	3.4	6.7	532	5.7	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	7,947	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

## Educational qualifications

In 2001, the proportion of people aged 15 years and over in Coomera-Cedar Creek with a Bachelor degree or higher was 7.6% (up from 4.2% in 1991), lower than Gold Coast City (Table 2)

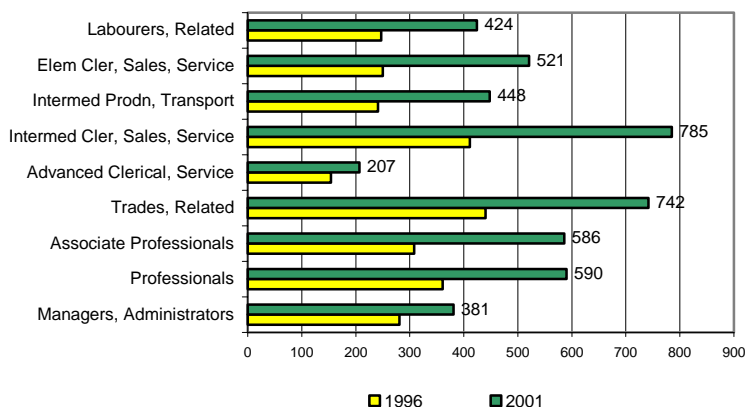
Table 2. Educational Qualifications

Persons aged 15 years and over (excluding overseas visitors)

Level of education	1991		1996		2001	
	Coomera-Cedar Creek			GCC	No.	%
	%	%	%			
Postgraduate Degree	0.3	0.7	0.8	64	1.0	
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	0.5	0.6	0.7	53	0.8	
Bachelor Degree	3.3	4.9	6.1	484	7.0	
Advanced Dip and Dip	4.6	5.8	6.2	494	5.8	
Trade Certificate	15.8	16.1	19.1	1,516	17.4	
Not stated	16.7	15.5	12.7	1,011	13.6	
Not applicable	58.8	56.5	54.4	4,329	54.5	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	7,951	100.0	

Figure 1. Occupation

Employed persons (excluding overseas visitors)



## Income

The median gross weekly individual income in Coomera-Cedar Creek in 2001 was in the range \$400-\$499 (up from the \$80-\$119 range in 1991). In Coomera-Cedar Creek, 12.0% of people aged 15 years and over received less than \$120 in 2001 (11.3% for Gold Coast City) and 8.1% 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	
	Coomera-Cedar Creek	GCC
	%	No.
Negative-\$119	12.0	930
\$120-\$199	10.6	819
\$200-\$399	21.0	1,632
\$400-\$599	20.7	1,604
\$600-\$799	11.9	920
\$800-\$999	6.1	470
\$1000 or more	8.1	625
Not stated	9.7	755
Total	100.0	7,755

## Occupation

The main occupation in 2001 was Intermediate Clerical, Sales and Service Workers (785 people or 16.4% of employed people) followed by Tradespersons and Related Workers (742 people or 15.5%) (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, 20.7% of the Coomera-Cedar Creek population were overseas born, 15.6% in main English speaking countries and 5.1% in other countries. The proportion of overseas born people in Coomera-Cedar Creek was lower than for Gold Coast City (24.4%) (Table 5).

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

Place of birth	1991		1996		2001	
	Coomera-Cedar Creek		Coomera-Cedar Creek		GCC	
	%	%	%	No.	%	%
Australia	76.2	73.9	71.5	7,997	69.1	
MES(a)	14.3	14.1	15.6	1,745	15.2	
NMES(b)	6.3	6.5	5.1	567	9.2	
Not stated	3.2	5.5	7.8	868	6.5	
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>11,177</b>	<b>100.0</b>	

(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, 56.6% of the population of Coomera-Cedar Creek lived in a family comprising a couple with children (compared to 44.9% for Gold Coast City), and 17.2% lived in couple only households. The proportion of people in one parent families increased from 6.7% in 1991 to 14.5% in 2001, while the proportion of people living alone increased from 4.1% to 5.2% (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)	
	Coomera-Cedar Creek		Coomera-Cedar Creek		GCC	
	%	%	%	No.	%	%
One family household:						
Couple with children	67.0	59.6	56.6	5,645	44.9	
Couple without children	17.0	21.8	17.2	1,718	23.1	
One parent family	6.7	7.9	14.5	1,446	12.9	
Other family	0.5	0.6	0.5	48	1.0	
Total	91.2	89.9	88.9	8,857	81.9	
Multi-family household	2.4	2.0	2.2	219	1.8	
Lone person household	4.1	5.2	5.2	523	10.7	
Group household	2.2	2.8	3.7	367	5.6	
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>9,966</b>	<b>100.0</b>	

(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 3,699 occupied private dwellings in Coomera-Cedar Creek, 20.4% were fully owned (down from 41.5% in 1991), 24.8% were being purchased and 46.6% were being rented. Coomera-Cedar Creek recorded higher proportions of dwellings being rented and higher proportions being purchased than Gold Coast City (Table 7).

**Table 7. Tenure of dwellings**  
Occupied private dwellings

Tenure type	1991(a)		1996		2001(b)	
	Coomera-Cedar Creek		Coomera-Cedar Creek		GCC	
	%	%	%	No.	%	%
Fully owned	41.5	34.7	20.4	755	33.3	
Being purchased(c)	33.6	30.1	24.8	919	22.8	
Rented:						
State Housing Authority	0.0	0.0	0.1	3	2.5	
Other landlord type(c)	16.3	26.0	45.7	1,690	31.7	
Not stated	0.8	0.3	0.9	32	0.5	
Other Tenure type(c)	7.8	8.8	8.1	300	9.2	
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,699</b>	<b>100.0</b>	

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(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 Coomera-Cedar Creek in 2001, 80.3% of all private dwellings were separate houses (down from 89.6% in 1991), 16.3% were semi-detached, row/terrace or townhouses (up from 2.2%), and 0.4% were flats, units or apartments (down from 1.4%). 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 Coomera-Cedar Creek declined from 3.1 people per occupied private dwelling in 1991 to 2.9 in 2001.

**Table 8. Dwellings**  
Private dwellings (occupied and unoccupied)

Dwelling Structure	1991(a)		1996		2001(b)	
	Coomera-Cedar Creek		Coomera-Cedar Creek		GCC	
	%	%	%	No.	%	%
Separate house	89.6	79.3	80.3	3,164	57.1	
Semi-detached, row or terrace house, townhouse	2.2	5.6	16.3	642	16.1	
Flat, unit or apartment:						
In 1 or 2 storey block	0.2	8.5	0.2	7	8.0	
In 3 or more storey block	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	15.3	
Attached to a house	1.2	0.7	0.2	7	0.3	
Total	1.4	9.2	0.4	14	23.6	
Other dwelling:						
Caravan, houseboat	5.5	3.8	1.9	76	1.5	
Improvised, tent etc	0.7	0.3	0.3	13	0.1	
Attached to a shop, office	0.3	0.1	0.1	4	0.2	
Total	6.5	4.2	2.4	93	1.7	
Not stated	0.3	1.7	0.7	29	1.6	

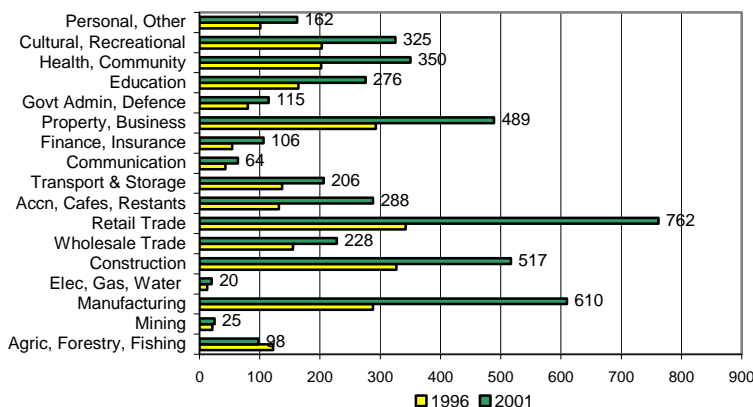
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## Industry

The main industry of employment in 2001 was Retail Trade (762 people or 16.0% of employed people) followed by Manufacturing (610 people or 12.8%) (Figure 2). Since 1996, the biggest increase was recorded in the number of people working in Retail Trade and the biggest decrease was in Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing.

**Figure 2. Industry**  
Employed persons (excluding overseas visitors)



## Other population facts from the 2001 Census

	Coomera-Cedar Creek	GCC
Visitors from different SLA (No.) (a)	566	48,720
Lived at same address 5 years ago (%) (b)	31.2	38.5
Households with no motor vehicle (%) (a)	2.6	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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