



Gold Coast City Council

# Currumbin Statistical Profile

## Introduction

This information is for Currumbin 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 Currumbin at 30 June 2002 was 2,717 people, an increase of 194 or 7.7% since 1997.

## Age

In 2001, the number of people aged under 15 years represented 15.2% of the population of Currumbin (up from 14.6% in 1991), lower than for Gold Coast City (19.3%). People aged 65 years and over represented 15.9% (down from 23.1% 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		
	Currumbin			GCC	Currumbin				
	%	%	%		Males	Females	Persons		
0-4	4.7	4.4	4.3	6.1	71	46	117		
5-9	4.7	4.2	4.7	6.6	56	73	129		
10-14	5.3	4.9	6.2	6.6	87	84	171		
15-19	5.5	7.1	6.6	6.5	96	84	180		
20-24	5.6	6.7	6.2	6.5	84	87	171		
25-34	14.5	12.3	14.1	14.1	170	217	387		
35-44	13.8	15.7	14.1	14.4	185	202	387		
45-54	10.8	13.4	16.3	13.6	226	221	447		
55-64	12.0	11.1	11.6	10.4	161	157	318		
65-74	15.4	13.5	9.2	8.3	119	133	252		
75+	7.8	6.7	6.7	6.9	80	105	185		
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1,335	1,409	2,744		

## Educational qualifications

In 2001, the proportion of people aged 15 years and over in Currumbin with a Bachelor degree or higher was 12.1% (up from 6.4% in 1991), higher than Gold Coast City (Table 2).

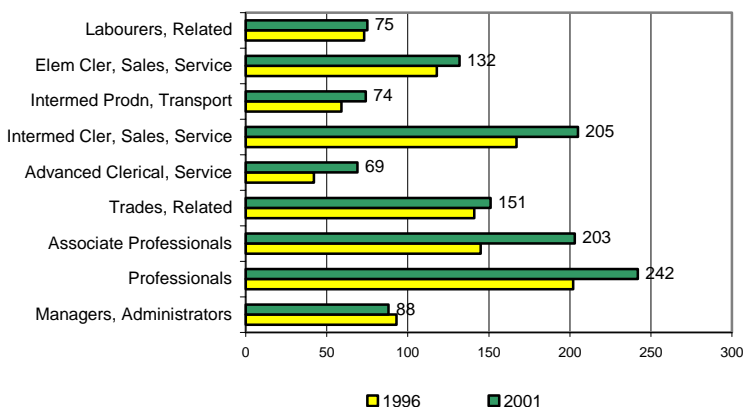
Table 2. Educational Qualifications

Persons aged 15 years and over (excluding overseas visitors)

Level of education	1991			1996			2001		
	Currumbin			GCC	Currumbin				
	%	%	%		No.	%			
Postgraduate Degree	0.4	0.9	1.4	33	1.0				
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	0.6	0.9	1.5	34	0.8				
Bachelor Degree	5.4	6.8	9.3	216	7.0				
Advanced Dip and Dip	6.2	6.9	7.0	163	5.8				
Trade Certificate	15.1	15.2	17.5	408	17.4				
Not stated	13.9	14.9	12.6	294	13.6				
Not applicable	58.4	54.5	50.8	1,184	54.5				
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	2,332	100.0				

Figure 1. Occupation

Employed persons (excluding overseas visitors)



## Employment

The labour force in Currumbin in 2001 represented 59.4% of people aged 15 years and over (up from 53.5% in 1991), higher than for Gold Coast City (57.6%). From 1991 to 2001, part-time employment in Currumbin increased from 15.0% to 21.2% (Table 3). The unemployment rate\* decreased from 14.2% to 9.0%.

\* 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		
	Currumbin			GCC	Currumbin				
	%	%	%		No.	%			
Employed, working:									
Full time(a)	27.5	29.1	30.8	716	31.6				
Part time	15.0	16.4	21.2	493	18.8				
Not stated(b)	3.4	1.4	1.9	45	1.7				
Total employed.	45.9	46.9	54.0	1,254	52.0				
Unemployed, looking for:									
Full time work	6.2	5.4	4.2	97	4.1				
Part time work	1.4	1.3	1.2	27	1.5				
Total unemployed	7.6	6.7	5.3	124	5.6				
Total labour force	53.5	53.6	59.4	1,378	57.6				
Not in the labour force	44.3	42.7	36.1	839	36.7				
Not stated(c)	2.2	3.7	4.5	104	5.7				
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	2,321	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 Currumbin in 2001 was in the range \$300-\$399 (up from the \$80-\$119 range in 1991). In Currumbin, 10.4% of people aged 15 years and over received less than \$120 in 2001 (11.3% for Gold Coast City) and 7.9% 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			
	Currumbin		GCC	
	%	No.	%	No.
Negative-\$119	10.4	217	11.3	217
\$120-\$199	11.6	242	14.0	242
\$200-\$399	24.5	512	24.2	512
\$400-\$599	19.5	408	18.2	408
\$600-\$799	13.0	271	10.5	271
\$800-\$999	5.7	118	5.4	118
\$1000 or more	7.9	164	7.3	164
Not stated	7.5	156	9.1	156
Total	100.0	2,088	100.0	2,088

## Occupation

The main occupation in 2001 was Professionals (242 people or 19.3% of employed people) followed by Intermediate Clerical, Sales and Service Workers (205 people or 16.4%) (Figure 1). Since 1996, the biggest increase was recorded in the number of people working as Associate Professionals and the biggest decrease was in Managers and Administrators.

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## Place of birth

In 2001, 14.6% of the Currumbin population were overseas born, 10.0% in main English speaking countries and 4.6% in other countries. The proportion of overseas born people in Currumbin 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	
	Currumbin		Currumbin		GCC	
	%	%	%	No.	%	%
Australia	83.1	78.0	78.5	2,152	69.1	
MES(a)	11.0	11.7	10.0	274	15.2	
NMES(b)	4.1	4.6	4.6	125	9.2	
Not stated	1.9	5.7	7.0	192	6.5	
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,743</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, 35.4% of the population of Currumbin lived in a family comprising a couple with children (compared to 44.9% for Gold Coast City), and 24.6% lived in couple only households. The proportion of people in one parent families increased from 8.8% in 1991 to 15.2% in 2001, while the proportion of people living alone increased from 14.3% to 16.6% (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)	
	Currumbin		Currumbin		GCC	
	%	%	%	No.	%	%
One family household:						
Couple with children	43.9	35.1	35.4	827	44.9	
Couple without children	23.4	25.5	24.6	575	23.1	
One parent family	8.8	13.3	15.2	356	12.9	
Other family	1.8	1.7	1.5	35	1.0	
Total	77.9	75.7	76.8	1,793	81.9	
Multi-family household	0.7	1.2	1.1	25	1.8	
Lone person household	14.3	15.0	16.6	387	10.7	
Group household	7.1	8.2	5.6	130	5.6	
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,335</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 1,241 occupied private dwellings in Currumbin, 31.7% were fully owned (down from 41.2% in 1991), 19.5% were being purchased and 40.0% were being rented. Currumbin 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)	
	Currumbin		Currumbin		GCC	
	%	%	%	No.	%	%
Fully owned	41.2	34.4	31.7	394	33.3	
Being purchased(c)	14.5	16.1	19.5	242	22.8	
Rented:						
State Housing Authority	0.0	0.0	0.6	7	2.5	
Other landlord type(c)	38.1	40.3	39.1	485	31.7	
Not stated	1.1	0.0	0.3	4	0.5	
Other Tenure type(c)	5.1	9.2	8.8	109	9.2	
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,241</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 Currumbin in 2001, 36.5% of all private dwellings were separate houses (down from 49.6% in 1991), 10.7% were semi-detached, row/terrace or townhouses (up from 5.9%), and 49.3% were flats, units or apartments (up from 39.1%). 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 Currumbin declined from 2.3 people per occupied private dwelling in 1991 to 2.2 in 2001.

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

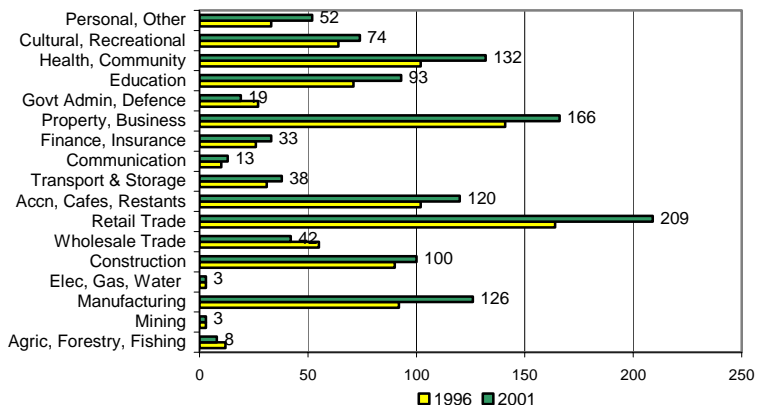
Dwelling Structure	1991(a)		1996		2001(b)	
	Currumbin		Currumbin		GCC	
	%	%	%	No.	%	%
Separate house	49.6	38.7	36.5	532	57.1	
Semi-detached, row or terrace house, townhouse	5.9	10.0	10.7	156	16.1	
Flat, unit or apartment:						
In 1 or 2 storey block	16.8	19.0	15.3	223	8.0	
In 3 or more storey block	21.1	28.0	33.1	483	15.3	
Attached to a house	1.2	0.3	1.0	14	0.3	
Total	39.1	47.3	49.3	720	23.6	
Other dwelling:						
Caravan, houseboat	4.6	0.2	0.0	0	1.5	
Improvised, tent etc	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.1	
Attached to a shop, office	0.3	0.7	0.0	0	0.2	
Total	4.8	0.9	0.0	0	1.7	
Not stated	0.5	3.1	3.5	51	1.6	

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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.

## Industry

The main industry of employment in 2001 was Retail Trade (209 people or 16.7% of employed people) followed by Property and Business Services (166 people or 13.2%) (Figure 2). Since 1996, the biggest increase was recorded in the number of people working in Retail Trade and the biggest decrease was in Wholesale Trade.

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



## Other population facts from the 2001 Census

	Currumbin	GCC
Visitors from different SLA (No.) (a)	393	48,720
Lived at same address 5 years ago (%) (b)	39.5	38.5
Households with no motor vehicle (%) (a)	7.8	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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