



Gold Coast City Council

# Currumbin Waters Statistical Profile

## Introduction

This information is for Currumbin Waters 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 Waters at 30 June 2002 was 9,975 people, an increase of 727 or 7.9% since 1997.

## Age

In 2001, the number of people aged under 15 years represented 21.0% of the population of Currumbin Waters (down from 23.4% in 1991), higher than for Gold Coast City (19.3%). People aged 65 years and over represented 16.4% (up from 12.0% 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 Waters			GCC	Currumbin Waters		
	%	%	%		Males	Females	Persons
				%	No.	No.	No.
0-4	7.7	6.9	5.7	6.1	260	265	525
5-9	8.1	7.7	7.4	6.6	350	333	683
10-14	7.5	7.7	8.0	6.6	387	351	738
15-19	7.5	6.2	7.4	6.5	353	334	687
20-24	5.0	5.9	4.2	6.5	189	203	392
25-34	15.2	12.8	11.5	14.1	495	570	1,065
35-44	16.6	16.0	15.8	14.4	680	788	1,468
45-54	10.7	12.5	14.1	13.6	634	679	1,313
55-64	9.6	9.0	9.6	10.4	409	483	892
65-74	9.1	9.8	8.6	8.3	385	415	800
75+	2.8	5.5	7.7	6.9	335	383	718
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	4,477	4,804	9,281

## Educational qualifications

In 2001, the proportion of people aged 15 years and over in Currumbin Waters with a Bachelor degree or higher was 6.7% (up from 3.0% in 1991), lower than Gold Coast City (Table 2).

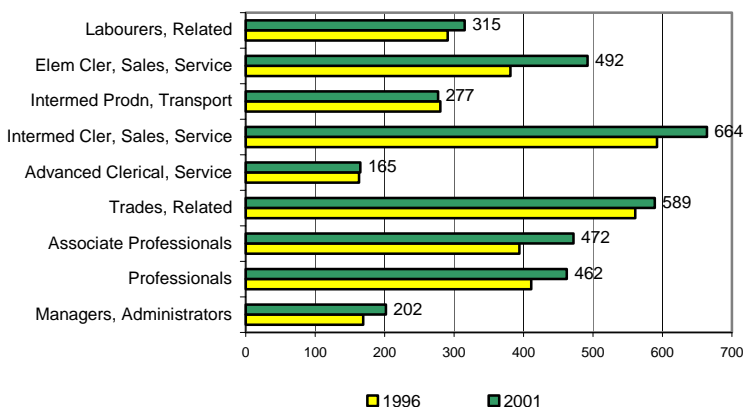
Table 2. Educational Qualifications

Persons aged 15 years and over (excluding overseas visitors)

Level of education	1991		1996		2001	
	Currumbin Waters			GCC	Currumbin Waters	
	%	%	%		No.	%
Postgraduate Degree	0.2	0.3	0.5	39	1.0	
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	0.4	0.6	0.7	54	0.8	
Bachelor Degree	2.4	4.3	5.5	401	7.0	
Advanced Dip and Dip	4.8	4.9	5.2	385	5.8	
Trade Certificate	16.8	17.5	19.3	1,412	17.4	
Not stated	13.5	13.4	12.5	917	13.6	
Not applicable	61.9	59.1	56.3	4,127	54.5	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	7,335	100.0	

Figure 1. Occupation

Employed persons (excluding overseas visitors)



## Employment

The labour force in Currumbin Waters in 2001 represented 56.3% of people aged 15 years and over (down from 59.2% in 1991), lower than for Gold Coast City (57.6%). From 1991 to 2001, part-time employment in Currumbin Waters increased from 15.3% to 18.7% (Table 3). The unemployment rate\* decreased from 13.7% to 10.0%.

\* 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 Waters			GCC	Currumbin Waters	
	%	%	%		No.	%
Employed, working:						
Full time(a)	33.0	31.4	30.3	2,221	31.6	
Part time	15.3	17.2	18.7	1,371	18.8	
Not stated(b)	2.8	1.2	1.6	120	1.7	
Total employed.	51.1	49.9	50.6	3,712	52.0	
Unemployed, looking for:						
Full time work	6.5	6.2	4.1	300	4.1	
Part time work	1.6	1.2	1.5	113	1.5	
Total unemployed	8.1	7.3	5.6	413	5.6	
Total labour force	59.2	57.2	56.3	4,125	57.6	
Not in the labour force	38.8	40.7	40.1	2,940	36.7	
Not stated(c)	2.0	2.1	3.6	267	5.7	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	7,332	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 Waters in 2001 was in the range \$300-\$399 (up from the \$80-\$119 range in 1991). In Currumbin Waters, 12.1% of people aged 15 years and over received less than \$120 in 2001 (11.3% for Gold Coast City) and 6.0% 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		GCC
	Currumbin Waters		
	%	No.	%
Negative-\$119	12.1	901	11.3
\$120-\$199	15.4	1,147	14.0
\$200-\$399	27.2	2,022	24.2
\$400-\$599	17.7	1,312	18.2
\$600-\$799	9.5	705	10.5
\$800-\$999	5.4	399	5.4
\$1000 or more	6.0	442	7.3
Not stated	6.7	497	9.1
Total	100.0	7,425	100.0

## Occupation

The main occupation in 2001 was Intermediate Clerical, Sales and Service Workers (664 people or 17.9% of employed people) followed by Tradespersons and Related Workers (589 people or 15.9%) (Figure 1). Since 1996, the biggest increase was recorded in the number of people working as Elementary Clerical, Sales and Service Workers and the biggest decrease was in Intermediate Production and Transport Workers.

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## Place of birth

In 2001, 17.4% of the Currumbin Waters population were overseas born, 12.5% in main English speaking countries and 4.9% in other countries. The proportion of overseas born people in Currumbin Waters 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 Waters		GCC		%	
	%	%	%	No.	%	%
Australia	80.3	79.1	77.4	7,195	69.1	
MES(a)	12.8	12.3	12.5	1,162	15.2	
NMES(b)	5.2	4.7	4.9	458	9.2	
Not stated	1.7	3.9	5.1	477	6.5	
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>9,292</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, 48.9% of the population of Currumbin Waters lived in a family comprising a couple with children (compared to 44.9% for Gold Coast City), and 22.0% lived in couple only households. The proportion of people in one parent families increased from 8.9% in 1991 to 13.9% in 2001, while the proportion of people living alone increased from 5.1% to 9.5% (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 Waters		GCC		%	
	%	%	%	No.	%	%
One family household:						
Couple with children	59.0	51.5	48.9	4,260	44.9	
Couple without children	23.0	22.8	22.0	1,919	23.1	
One parent family	8.9	11.2	13.9	1,214	12.9	
Other family	0.5	0.7	0.8	68	1.0	
Total	91.4	86.2	85.6	7,461	81.9	
Multi-family household	1.0	2.4	1.6	139	1.8	
Lone person household	5.1	7.8	9.5	831	10.7	
Group household	2.4	3.6	3.2	283	5.6	
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>8,714</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 3,577 occupied private dwellings in Currumbin Waters, 40.5% were fully owned (down from 43.4% in 1991), 27.6% were being purchased and 26.3% were being rented. Currumbin Waters recorded lower 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)	
	Currumbin Waters		GCC		%	
	%	%	%	No.	%	%
Fully owned	43.4	41.1	40.5	1,450	33.3	
Being purchased(c)	31.0	27.1	27.6	987	22.8	
Rented:						
State Housing Authority	4.5	4.3	4.4	159	2.5	
Other landlord type(c)	15.9	21.2	21.5	770	31.7	
Not stated	0.7	0.3	0.3	12	0.5	
Other Tenure type(c)	4.5	6.1	5.6	199	9.2	
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,577</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 Waters in 2001, 70.1% of all private dwellings were separate houses (down from 78.0% in 1991), 19.2% were semi-detached, row/terrace or townhouses (up from 13.6%), and 8.5% were flats, units or apartments (up from 7.1%). 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 Waters declined from 2.9 people per occupied private dwelling in 1991 to 2.6 in 2001.

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

Dwelling Structure	1991(a)		1996		2001(b)	
	Currumbin Waters		GCC		%	
	%	%	%	No.	%	%
Separate house	78.0	72.2	70.1	2,619	57.1	
Semi-detached, row or terrace house, townhouse	13.6	17.2	19.2	719	16.1	
Flat, unit or apartment:						
In 1 or 2 storey block	0.7	4.0	5.3	199	8.0	
In 3 or more storey block	6.2	4.6	2.9	110	15.3	
Attached to a house	0.2	0.2	0.2	8	0.3	
Total	7.1	8.9	8.5	317	23.6	
Other dwelling:						
Caravan, houseboat	0.2	0.2	0.0	0	1.5	
Improvised, tent etc	0.1	0.0	0.0	0	0.1	
Attached to a shop, office	0.0	0.1	0.4	14	0.2	
Total	0.3	0.4	0.4	14	1.7	
Not stated	0.9	1.3	1.8	69	1.6	

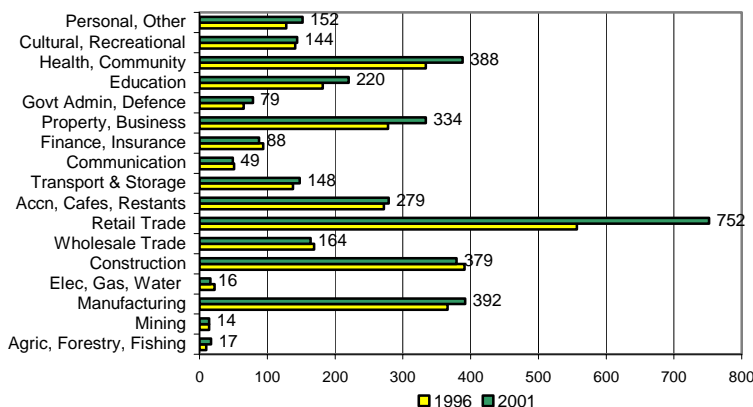
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## Industry

The main industry of employment in 2001 was Retail Trade (752 people or 20.3% of employed people) followed by Manufacturing (392 people or 10.6%) (Figure 2). Since 1996, the biggest increase was recorded in the number of people working in Retail Trade and the biggest decrease was in Construction.

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



## Other population facts from the 2001 Census

	Currumbin Waters	GCC
Visitors from different SLA (No.) (a)	309	48,720
Lived at same address 5 years ago (%) (b)	49.3	38.5
Households with no motor vehicle (%) (a)	5.9	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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