



Gold Coast City Council

# Ernest-Molendinar Statistical Profile

## Introduction

This information is for Ernest-Molendinar 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 Ernest-Molendinar at 30 June 2002 was 3,764 people, an increase of 685 or 22.2% since 1997.

## Age

In 2001, the number of people aged under 15 years represented 25.3% of the population of Ernest-Molendinar (down from 34.4% in 1991), higher than for Gold Coast City (19.3%). People aged 65 years and over represented 6.1% (up from 3.8% in 1991), lower than for Gold Coast City (15.2%) (Table 1).

Table 1. Age profile

Persons (excluding overseas visitors)

Age (years)	1991			1996			2001		
	Ernest-Molendinar			GCC	Ernest-Molendinar				
	%	%	%		Males	Females	Persons		
0-4	10.5	8.3	7.1	6.1	118	111	229		
5-9	12.9	10.2	8.3	6.6	130	138	268		
10-14	11.0	10.6	9.9	6.6	163	155	318		
15-19	7.4	7.9	8.8	6.5	152	131	283		
20-24	5.6	7.3	6.2	6.5	112	88	200		
25-34	18.9	18.9	14.0	14.1	207	243	450		
35-44	16.9	16.5	17.6	14.4	264	301	565		
45-54	8.6	11.8	13.6	13.6	201	238	439		
55-64	4.4	5.0	8.4	10.4	142	128	270		
65-74	3.2	2.9	4.1	8.3	68	64	132		
75+	0.6	0.7	2.0	6.9	21	44	65		
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1,578	1,641	3,219		

## Educational qualifications

In 2001, the proportion of people aged 15 years and over in Ernest-Molendinar with a Bachelor degree or higher was 7.7% (up from 3.8% in 1991), lower than Gold Coast City (Table 2).

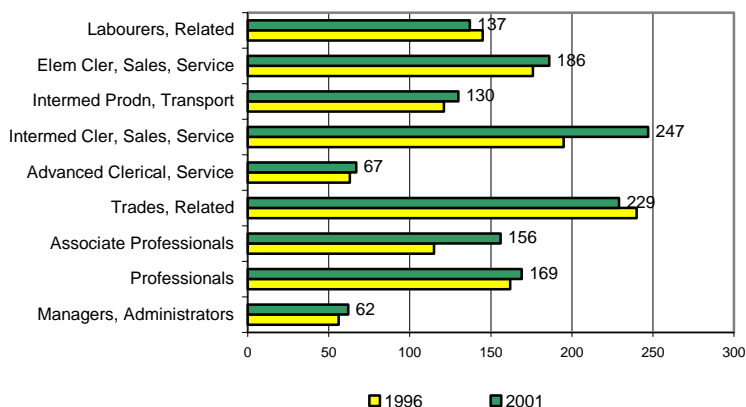
Table 2. Educational Qualifications

Persons aged 15 years and over (excluding overseas visitors)

Level of education	1991		1996		2001	
	Ernest-Molendinar		GCC		Ernest-Molendinar	
	%	%	%	%	No.	%
Postgraduate Degree	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.0	12	1.0
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	0.6	0.9	0.9	0.8	22	0.8
Bachelor Degree	2.8	4.9	6.2	7.0	150	7.0
Advanced Dip and Dip	3.6	4.7	4.9	5.8	119	5.8
Trade Certificate	17.6	16.1	17.0	17.4	409	17.4
Not stated	11.2	8.2	10.0	13.6	240	13.6
Not applicable	63.7	64.7	60.4	54.5	1,453	54.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	2,405	100.0

Figure 1. Occupation

Employed persons (excluding overseas visitors)



## Employment

The labour force in Ernest-Molendinar in 2001 represented 64.5% of people aged 15 years and over (down from 68.8% in 1991), higher than for Gold Coast City (57.6%). From 1991 to 2001, part-time employment in Ernest-Molendinar increased from 18.3% to 21.1% (Table 3). The unemployment rate\* decreased from 14.5% to 8.8%.

\* 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	
	Ernest-Molendinar		GCC		Ernest-Molendinar	
	%	%	%	%	No.	%
Employed, working:						
Full time(a)	37.2	38.0	35.6	31.6	857	31.6
Part time	18.3	21.7	21.1	18.8	507	18.8
Not stated(b)	3.3	1.5	2.2	1.7	52	1.7
Total employed.	58.8	61.2	58.8	52.0	1,416	52.0
Unemployed, looking for:						
Full time work	8.5	7.2	3.7	4.1	89	4.1
Part time work	1.5	1.2	2.0	1.5	48	1.5
Total unemployed	10.0	8.4	5.7	5.6	137	5.6
Total labour force	68.8	69.6	64.5	57.6	1,553	57.6
Not in the labour force	28.3	29.3	32.6	36.7	784	36.7
Not stated(c)	2.9	1.1	2.9	5.7	71	5.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	2,408	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 Ernest-Molendinar in 2001 was in the range \$300-\$399 (up from the \$80-\$119 range in 1991). In Ernest-Molendinar, 13.2% 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	
	Ernest-Molendinar	GCC
	%	%
Negative-\$119	13.2	11.3
\$120-\$199	13.7	14.0
\$200-\$399	25.1	24.2
\$400-\$599	18.9	18.2
\$600-\$799	11.1	10.5
\$800-\$999	5.4	5.4
\$1000 or more	6.0	7.3
Not stated	6.6	9.1
Total	100.0	100.0

## Occupation

The main occupation in 2001 was Intermediate Clerical, Sales and Service Workers (247 people or 17.5% of employed people) followed by Tradespersons and Related Workers (229 people or 16.3%) (Figure 1). Since 1996, the biggest increase was recorded in the number of people working as Intermediate Clerical, Sales and Service Workers and the biggest decrease was in Tradespersons and Related Workers.

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## Place of birth

In 2001, 23.0% of the Ernest-Molendinar population were overseas born, 13.3% in main English speaking countries and 9.7% in other countries. The proportion of overseas born people in Ernest-Molendinar 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	
	Ernest-Molendinar		GCC		GCC	
	%	%	%	No.	%	%
Australia	78.6	75.4	71.5	2,298	69.1	
MES(a)	14.9	14.4	13.3	426	15.2	
NMES(b)	5.0	8.5	9.7	312	9.2	
Not stated	1.6	1.7	5.5	178	6.5	
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,214</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, 53.1% of the population of Ernest-Molendinar lived in a family comprising a couple with children (compared to 44.9% for Gold Coast City), and 16.0% lived in couple only households. The proportion of people in one parent families increased from 14.2% in 1991 to 20.0% in 2001, while the proportion of people living alone increased from 1.6% to 4.8% (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)	
	Ernest-Molendinar		GCC		GCC	
	%	%	%	No.	%	%
One family household:						
Couple with children	70.3	59.4	53.1	1,619	44.9	
Couple without children	10.0	13.4	16.0	487	23.1	
One parent family	14.2	17.4	20.0	609	12.9	
Other family	0.5	0.7	0.5	16	1.0	
Total	95.0	90.9	89.5	2,731	81.9	
Multi-family household	0.5	1.4	2.2	66	1.8	
Lone person household	1.6	3.8	4.8	147	10.7	
Group household	2.8	3.9	3.5	106	5.6	
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>3,050</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 1,125 occupied private dwellings in Ernest-Molendinar, 20.8% were fully owned (down from 21.1% in 1991), 31.3% were being purchased and 43.0% were being rented. Ernest-Molendinar 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)	
	Ernest-Molendinar		GCC		GCC	
	%	%	%	No.	%	%
Fully owned	21.1	19.6	20.8	234	33.3	
Being purchased(c)	35.5	32.4	31.3	352	22.8	
Rented:						
State Housing Authority	26.3	21.1	18.1	204	2.5	
Other landlord type(c)	11.7	24.3	24.4	274	31.7	
Not stated	0.4	0.3	0.5	6	0.5	
Other Tenure type(c)	4.9	2.3	4.9	55	9.2	
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,125</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 Ernest-Molendinar in 2001, 81.5% of all private dwellings were separate houses (down from 94.9% in 1991), 16.7% were semi-detached, row/terrace or townhouses (up from 2.4%), and 0.8% were flats, units or apartments (up from 0.7%). 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 Ernest-Molendinar declined from 3.4 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)	
	Ernest-Molendinar		GCC		GCC	
	%	%	%	No.	%	%
Separate house	94.9	78.8	81.5	976	57.1	
Semi-detached, row or terrace house, townhouse	2.4	18.1	16.7	200	16.1	
Flat, unit or apartment:						
In 1 or 2 storey block	0.0	0.7	0.0	0	8.0	
In 3 or more storey block	0.0	0.0	0.3	3	15.3	
Attached to a house	0.7	0.9	0.6	7	0.3	
Total	0.7	1.6	0.8	10	23.6	
Other dwelling:						
Caravan, houseboat	0.4	0.0	0.0	0	1.5	
Improvised, tent etc	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.1	
Attached to a shop, office	1.1	0.0	0.0	0	0.2	
Total	1.4	0.0	0.0	0	1.7	
Not stated	0.7	1.5	1.0	12	1.6	

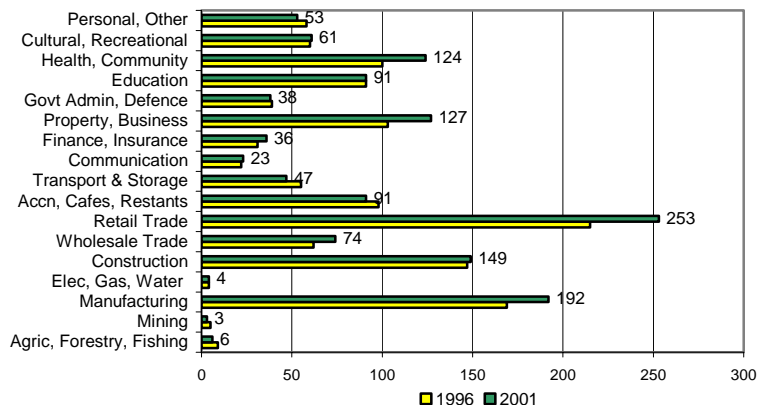
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## Industry

The main industry of employment in 2001 was Retail Trade (253 people or 17.9% of employed people) followed by Manufacturing (192 people or 13.6%) (Figure 2). Since 1996, the biggest increase was recorded in the number of people working in Retail Trade and the biggest decrease was in Transport and Storage.

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



## Other population facts from the 2001 Census

	Ernest-Molendinar	GCC
Visitors from different SLA (No.) (a)	86	48,720
Lived at same address 5 years ago (%) (b)	44.1	38.5
Households with no motor vehicle (%) (a)	3.2	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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