



Gold Coast City Council

Mermaid Wtrs-Clear Is. Wtrs Statistical Profile

Introduction

This information is for Mermaid Wtrs-Clear Is. Wtrs 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 Mermaid Wtrs-Clear Is. Wtrs at 30 June 2002 was 14,305 people, an increase of 1,215 or 9.3% since 1997.

Age

In 2001, the number of people aged under 15 years represented 14.3% of the population of Mermaid Wtrs-Clear Is. Wtrs (up from 13.8% in 1991), lower than for Gold Coast City (19.3%). People aged 65 years and over represented 20.1% (up from 19.3% in 1991), higher than for Gold Coast City (15.2%) (Table 1).

Employment

The labour force in Mermaid Wtrs-Clear Is. Wtrs in 2001 represented 54.1% of people aged 15 years and over (down from 54.2% in 1991), lower than for Gold Coast City (57.6%). From 1991 to 2001, part-time employment in Mermaid Wtrs-Clear Is. Wtrs increased from 13.7% to 17.6% (Table 3). The unemployment rate* decreased from 15.0% to 9.8%.

* Persons unemployed divided by persons in labour force

Table 1. Age profile

Persons (excluding overseas visitors)

Age (years)	1991		1996		2001		
	Mermaid Wtrs-Clear Is. Wtrs		GCC	Mermaid Wtrs-Clear Is. Wtrs			
	%	%		%	No.	Females	Persons
0-4	3.9	4.1	4.2	6.1	276	292	568
5-9	4.4	4.3	4.8	6.6	339	316	655
10-14	5.5	4.8	5.2	6.6	350	358	708
15-19	6.8	6.7	6.3	6.5	435	413	848
20-24	8.8	9.4	7.8	6.5	523	526	1,049
25-34	12.4	12.7	12.9	14.1	881	861	1,742
35-44	13.9	12.3	12.5	14.4	780	908	1,688
45-54	13.3	14.6	14.1	13.6	869	1,040	1,909
55-64	11.7	11.1	12.0	10.4	833	793	1,626
65-74	12.8	12.2	10.6	8.3	675	756	1,431
75+	6.5	8.0	9.5	6.9	529	756	1,285
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	6,490	7,019	13,509

Table 3. Employment

Persons aged 15 years and over (excluding overseas visitors)

Labour force status	1991		1996		2001	
	Mermaid Wtrs-Clear Is. Wtrs		GCC	Mermaid Wtrs-Clear Is. Wtrs		
	%	%		%	No.	%
Employed, working:						
Full time(a)	30.2	29.2	29.4	3,400	31.6	
Part time	13.7	16.5	17.6	2,042	18.8	
Not stated(b)	2.1	1.3	1.8	210	1.7	
Total employed.	46.0	46.9	48.8	5,652	52.0	
Unemployed, looking for:						
Full time work	6.4	5.4	3.9	450	4.1	
Part time work	1.7	1.2	1.4	163	1.5	
Total unemployed	8.1	6.6	5.3	613	5.6	
Total labour force	54.2	53.5	54.1	6,265	57.6	
Not in the labour force	43.8	44.2	39.8	4,613	36.7	
Not stated(c)	2.1	2.3	6.0	698	5.7	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	11,576	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 Mermaid Wtrs-Clear Is. Wtrs with a Bachelor degree or higher was 10.5% (up from 4.4% in 1991), higher than Gold Coast City (Table 2)

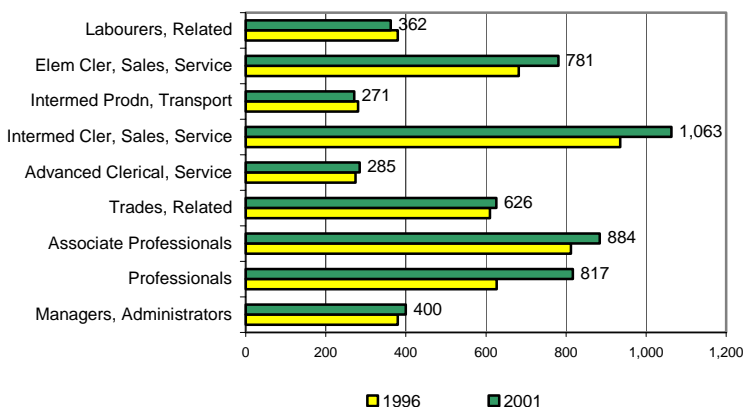
Table 2. Educational Qualifications

Persons aged 15 years and over (excluding overseas visitors)

Level of education	1991		1996		2001	
	Mermaid Wtrs-Clear Is. Wtrs		GCC	Mermaid Wtrs-Clear Is. Wtrs		
	%	%		%	No.	%
Postgraduate Degree	0.5	0.8	1.4	161	1.0	
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	0.4	0.5	0.6	75	0.8	
Bachelor Degree	3.4	6.3	8.5	983	7.0	
Advanced Dip and Dip	4.2	5.3	6.0	697	5.8	
Trade Certificate	13.8	13.2	16.2	1,877	17.4	
Not stated	14.4	15.2	14.2	1,648	13.6	
Not applicable	63.3	58.8	53.0	6,137	54.5	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	11,578	100.0	

Figure 1. Occupation

Employed persons (excluding overseas visitors)



Income

The median gross weekly individual income in Mermaid Wtrs-Clear Is. Wtrs in 2001 was in the range \$300-\$399 (up from the \$80-\$119 range in 1991). In Mermaid Wtrs-Clear Is. Wtrs, 12.1% of people aged 15 years and over received less than \$120 in 2001 (11.3% for Gold Coast City) and 7.6% 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
	Mermaid Wtrs-Clear Is. Wtrs		
	%	No.	
Negative-\$119	12.1	1,377	11.3
\$120-\$199	13.1	1,489	14.0
\$200-\$399	24.8	2,818	24.2
\$400-\$599	17.8	2,019	18.2
\$600-\$799	10.2	1,154	10.5
\$800-\$999	5.4	612	5.4
\$1000 or more	7.6	862	7.3
Not stated	9.0	1,019	9.1
Total	100.0	11,350	100.0

Occupation

The main occupation in 2001 was Intermediate Clerical, Sales and Service Workers (1,063 people or 18.8% of employed people) followed by Associate Professionals (884 people or 15.6%) (Figure 1). Since 1996, the biggest increase was recorded in the number of people working as Professionals and the biggest decrease was in Labourers and Related Workers.

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Place of birth

In 2001, 32.0% of the Mermaid Wtrs-Clear Is. Wtrs population were overseas born, 15.7% in main English speaking countries and 16.3% in other countries. The proportion of overseas born people in Mermaid Wtrs-Clear Is. Wtrs 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	
	Mermaid Wtrs-Clear Is. Wtrs		GCC		GCC	
	%	%	%	No.	%	%
Australia	68.4	64.1	61.3	8,285	69.1	
MES(a)	16.0	15.0	15.7	2,122	15.2	
NMES(b)	13.5	17.2	16.3	2,208	9.2	
Not stated	2.1	3.7	6.6	893	6.5	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	13,508	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, 38.6% of the population of Mermaid Wtrs-Clear Is. Wtrs lived in a family comprising a couple with children (compared to 44.9% for Gold Coast City), and 27.7% lived in couple only households. The proportion of people in one parent families increased from 9.5% in 1991 to 9.7% in 2001, while the proportion of people living alone increased from 9.9% to 12.6% (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)	
	Mermaid Wtrs-Clear Is. Wtrs		GCC		GCC	
	%	%	%	No.	%	%
One family household:						
Couple with children	42.0	38.1	38.6	4,780	44.9	
Couple without children	28.4	27.6	27.7	3,434	23.1	
One parent family	9.5	9.3	9.7	1,200	12.9	
Other family	1.3	1.8	1.5	187	1.0	
Total	81.2	76.7	77.6	9,601	81.9	
Multi-family household	1.1	2.6	2.1	264	1.8	
Lone person household	9.9	11.4	12.6	1,563	10.7	
Group household	7.8	9.2	7.7	952	5.6	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	12,380	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 5,823 occupied private dwellings in Mermaid Wtrs-Clear Is. Wtrs, 45.9% were fully owned (up from 45.8% in 1991), 16.4% were being purchased and 29.6% were being rented. Mermaid Wtrs-Clear Is. Wtrs recorded lower 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)	
	Mermaid Wtrs-Clear Is. Wtrs		GCC		GCC	
	%	%	%	No.	%	%
Fully owned	45.8	46.7	45.9	2,670	33.3	
Being purchased(c)	12.4	14.1	16.4	954	22.8	
Rented:						
State Housing Authority	0.7	0.4	0.7	38	2.5	
Other landlord type(c)	29.6	31.6	28.5	1,661	31.7	
Not stated	1.4	0.4	0.4	22	0.5	
Other Tenure type(c)	10.1	6.8	8.2	478	9.2	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	5,823	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 Mermaid Wtrs-Clear Is. Wtrs in 2001, 51.8% of all private dwellings were separate houses (down from 55.7% in 1991), 21.6% were semi-detached, row/terrace or townhouses (up from 12.4%), and 22.1% were flats, units or apartments (down from 26.7%). 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 Mermaid Wtrs-Clear Is. Wtrs declined from 2.4 people per occupied private dwelling in 1991 to 2.3 in 2001.

Table 8. Dwellings
Private dwellings (occupied and unoccupied)

Dwelling Structure	1991(a)		1996		2001(b)	
	Mermaid Wtrs-Clear Is. Wtrs		GCC		GCC	
	%	%	%	No.	%	%
Separate house	55.7	54.7	51.8	3,267	57.1	
Semi-detached, row or terrace house, townhouse	12.4	22.1	21.6	1,362	16.1	
Flat, unit or apartment:						
In 1 or 2 storey block	18.8	10.5	14.8	934	8.0	
In 3 or more storey block	7.7	5.6	7.1	450	15.3	
Attached to a house	0.1	0.1	0.1	6	0.3	
Total	26.7	16.2	22.1	1,390	23.6	
Other dwelling:						
Caravan, houseboat	4.9	4.1	0.0	0	1.5	
Improvised, tent etc	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0.1	
Attached to a shop, office	0.1	0.1	0.1	6	0.2	
Total	5.0	4.1	0.1	6	1.7	
Not stated	0.3	2.8	4.4	277	1.6	

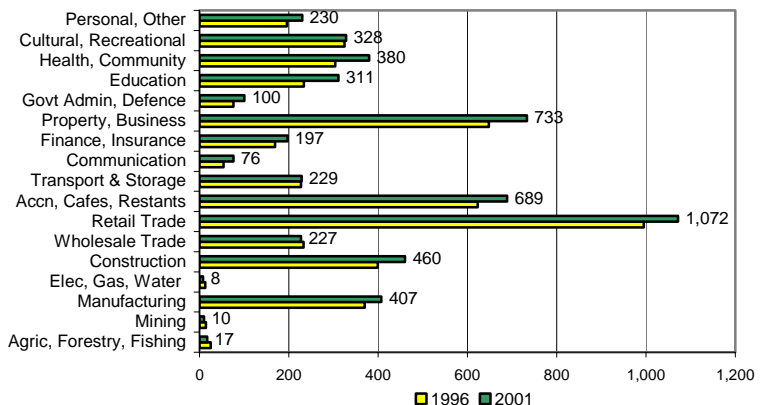
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Industry

The main industry of employment in 2001 was Retail Trade (1,072 people or 19.0% of employed people) followed by Property and Business Services (733 people or 13.0%) (Figure 2). Since 1996, the biggest increase was recorded in the number of people working in Property and Business Services 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

	Mermaid Wtrs-Clear Is. Wtrs	GCC
Visitors from different SLA (No.) (a)	917	48,720
Lived at same address 5 years ago (%) (b)	38.5	38.5
Households with no motor vehicle (%) (a)	8.9	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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