



Gold Coast City Council

Nerang Statistical Profile

Introduction

This information is for Nerang 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 Nerang at 30 June 2002 was 22,675 people, an increase of 2,298 or 11.3% since 1997.

Age

In 2001, the number of people aged under 15 years represented 23.9% of the population of Nerang (down from 25.8% in 1991), higher than for Gold Coast City (19.3%). People aged 65 years and over represented 11.6% (up from 9.9% 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		
	Nerang			GCC	Nerang				
	%	%	%		Males	Females	Persons		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.			
0-4	8.7	8.6	7.5	6.1	808	769	1,577		
5-9	8.7	8.3	8.5	6.6	879	910	1,789		
10-14	8.4	7.5	7.9	6.6	820	848	1,668		
15-19	6.9	6.7	6.9	6.5	746	704	1,450		
20-24	6.1	6.4	5.6	6.5	556	614	1,170		
25-34	17.7	17.1	15.1	14.1	1,558	1,620	3,178		
35-44	16.9	15.6	15.9	14.4	1,533	1,801	3,334		
45-54	10.0	11.7	12.9	13.6	1,340	1,374	2,714		
55-64	6.8	6.8	8.2	10.4	857	859	1,716		
65-74	5.9	5.8	5.4	8.3	552	573	1,125		
75+	4.0	5.4	6.2	6.9	521	786	1,307		
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	10,170	10,858	21,028		

Educational qualifications

In 2001, the proportion of people aged 15 years and over in Nerang with a Bachelor degree or higher was 6.7% (up from 4.5% in 1991), lower than Gold Coast City (Table 2).

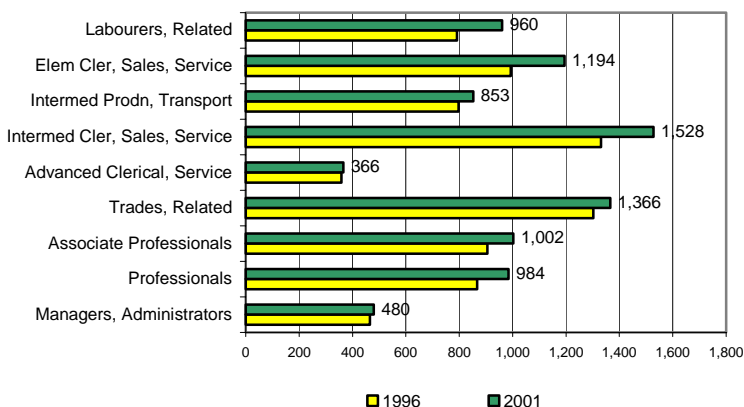
Table 2. Educational Qualifications

Persons aged 15 years and over (excluding overseas visitors)

Level of education	1991			1996			2001		
	Nerang			GCC	Nerang				
	%	%	%		No.	%			
Postgraduate Degree	0.4	0.6	0.8	123	1.0				
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	0.5	0.7	0.8	120	0.8				
Bachelor Degree	3.5	4.4	5.1	823	7.0				
Advanced Dip and Dip	4.7	4.9	5.3	847	5.8				
Trade Certificate	15.4	16.2	18.8	3,013	17.4				
Not stated	15.6	13.6	12.9	2,057	13.6				
Not applicable	59.8	59.6	56.3	9,011	54.5				
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	15,994	100.0				

Figure 1. Occupation

Employed persons (excluding overseas visitors)



Employment

The labour force in Nerang in 2001 represented 62.0% of people aged 15 years and over (down from 64.7% in 1991), higher than for Gold Coast City (57.6%). From 1991 to 2001, part-time employment in Nerang increased from 15.9% to 19.9% (Table 3). The unemployment rate* decreased from 12.7% to 9.9%.

* 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		
	Nerang			GCC	Nerang				
	%	%	%		No.	%			
Employed, working:									
Full time(a)	37.9	36.2	34.0	5,433	31.6				
Part time	15.9	18.4	19.9	3,181	18.8				
Not stated(b)	2.7	1.1	2.0	324	1.7				
Total employed.	56.5	55.7	55.9	8,938	52.0				
Unemployed, looking for:									
Full time work	6.6	6.5	4.4	701	4.1				
Part time work	1.6	1.5	1.7	278	1.5				
Total unemployed	8.2	8.0	6.1	979	5.6				
Total labour force	64.7	63.8	62.0	9,917	57.6				
Not in the labour force	32.4	34.4	33.0	5,285	36.7				
Not stated(c)	2.9	1.8	5.0	798	5.7				
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	16,000	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 Nerang in 2001 was in the range \$300-\$399 (up from the \$80-\$119 range in 1991). In Nerang, 11.0% of people aged 15 years and over received less than \$120 in 2001 (11.3% for Gold Coast City) and 5.8% 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		
	Nerang		GCC
	%	No.	
Negative-\$119	11.0	1,754	11.3
\$120-\$199	14.5	2,314	14.0
\$200-\$399	25.5	4,077	24.2
\$400-\$599	19.7	3,153	18.2
\$600-\$799	10.6	1,702	10.5
\$800-\$999	5.0	806	5.4
\$1000 or more	5.8	920	7.3
Not stated	7.9	1,260	9.1
Total	100.0	15,986	100.0

Occupation

The main occupation in 2001 was Intermediate Clerical, Sales and Service Workers (1,528 people or 17.1% of employed people) followed by Tradespersons and Related Workers (1,366 people or 15.3%) (Figure 1). Since 1996, the biggest increase was recorded in the number of people working as Elementary Clerical, Sales and Service Workers and there were no occupations showing a decrease.

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Place of birth

In 2001, 22.5% of the Nerang population were overseas born, 14.8% in main English speaking countries and 7.7% in other countries. The proportion of overseas born people in Nerang 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	
	Nerang		GCC		GCC		
	%	%	%	No.	%	%	%
Australia	73.9	74.3	72.5	15,252	69.1		
MES(a)	16.3	14.8	14.8	3,118	15.2		
NMES(b)	6.6	7.1	7.7	1,618	9.2		
Not stated	3.1	3.8	4.9	1,038	6.5		
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	21,026	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, 51.1% of the population of Nerang lived in a family comprising a couple with children (compared to 44.9% for Gold Coast City), and 18.9% lived in couple only households. The proportion of people in one parent families increased from 9.0% in 1991 to 14.9% in 2001, while the proportion of people living alone increased from 5.1% to 8.4% (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)	
	Nerang		GCC		GCC		
	%	%	%	No.	%	%	%
One family household:							
Couple with children	62.7	54.3	51.1	10,031	44.9		
Couple without children	17.8	18.8	18.9	3,708	23.1		
One parent family	9.0	11.5	14.9	2,932	12.9		
Other family	0.5	0.6	0.7	134	1.0		
Total	89.9	85.3	85.6	16,805	81.9		
Multi-family household	1.5	2.7	2.3	459	1.8		
Lone person household	5.1	7.7	8.4	1,643	10.7		
Group household	3.5	4.4	3.7	736	5.6		
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	19,643	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 7,696 occupied private dwellings in Nerang, 27.2% were fully owned (down from 29.7% in 1991), 31.9% were being purchased and 33.8% were being rented. Nerang 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)	
	Nerang		GCC		GCC		
	%	%	%	No.	%	%	%
Fully owned	29.7	26.5	27.2	2,090	33.3		
Being purchased(c)	38.8	32.6	31.9	2,456	22.8		
Rented:							
State Housing Authority	4.8	5.3	4.9	379	2.5		
Other landlord type(c)	19.8	26.7	28.5	2,192	31.7		
Not stated	0.8	0.2	0.4	27	0.5		
Other Tenure type(c)	6.1	8.8	7.2	552	9.2		
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	7,696	100.0		

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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 Nerang in 2001, 74.6% of all private dwellings were separate houses (down from 78.8% in 1991), 20.4% were semi-detached, row/terrace or townhouses (up from 10.9%), and 2.5% were flats, units or apartments (down from 6.4%). 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 Nerang declined from 3.0 people per occupied private dwelling in 1991 to 2.7 in 2001.

Table 8. Dwellings
Private dwellings (occupied and unoccupied)

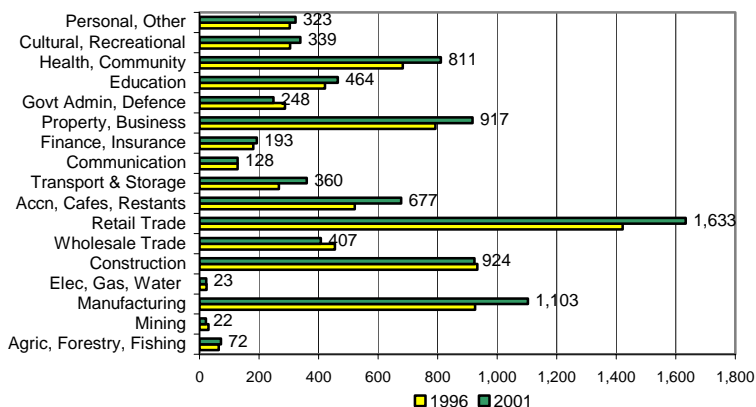
Dwelling Structure	1991(a)			1996		2001(b)	
	Nerang		GCC		GCC		
	%	%	%	No.	%	%	%
Separate house	78.8	70.3	74.6	6,034	57.1		
Semi-detached, row or terrace house, townhouse	10.9	17.3	20.4	1,654	16.1		
Flat, unit or apartment:							
In 1 or 2 storey block	5.7	8.3	2.3	188	8.0		
In 3 or more storey block	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	15.3		
Attached to a house	0.7	0.5	0.2	15	0.3		
Total	6.4	8.8	2.5	203	23.6		
Other dwelling:							
Caravan, houseboat	3.4	2.2	1.4	112	1.5		
Improvised, tent etc	0.0	0.1	0.0	0	0.1		
Attached to a shop, office	0.2	0.2	0.1	11	0.2		
Total	3.6	2.5	1.5	123	1.7		
Not stated	0.3	1.1	0.9	75	1.6		

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Industry

The main industry of employment in 2001 was Retail Trade (1,633 people or 18.3% of employed people) followed by Manufacturing (1,103 people or 12.3%) (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

	Nerang	GCC
Visitors from different SLA (No.) (a)	651	48,720
Lived at same address 5 years ago (%) (b)	41.2	38.5
Households with no motor vehicle (%) (a)	6.7	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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