



Gold Coast City Council

Runaway Bay Statistical Profile

Introduction

This information is for Runaway Bay 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 Runaway Bay at 30 June 2002 was 8,912 people, an increase of 437 or 5.2% since 1997.

Age

In 2001, the number of people aged under 15 years represented 13.1% of the population of Runaway Bay (down from 16.2% in 1991), lower than for Gold Coast City (19.3%). People aged 65 years and over represented 22.8% (up from 18.1% 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		
	Runaway Bay			GCC	Runaway Bay				
	%	%	%		Males	Females	Persons		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.			
0-4	5.3	4.1	3.5	6.1	147	140	287		
5-9	4.5	4.4	4.4	6.6	190	167	357		
10-14	6.5	5.3	5.1	6.6	221	198	419		
15-19	7.2	5.8	5.4	6.5	221	217	438		
20-24	5.9	6.2	4.8	6.5	192	200	392		
25-34	11.0	10.9	9.8	14.1	384	410	794		
35-44	15.1	12.9	11.6	14.4	437	508	945		
45-54	14.7	17.1	16.7	13.6	627	733	1,360		
55-64	11.7	13.1	15.9	10.4	623	670	1,293		
65-74	11.3	11.6	12.4	8.3	494	519	1,013		
75+	6.8	8.7	10.4	6.9	370	473	843		
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	3,906	4,235	8,141		

Educational qualifications

In 2001, the proportion of people aged 15 years and over in Runaway Bay with a Bachelor degree or higher was 9.5% (up from 5.7% in 1991), higher than Gold Coast City (Table 2).

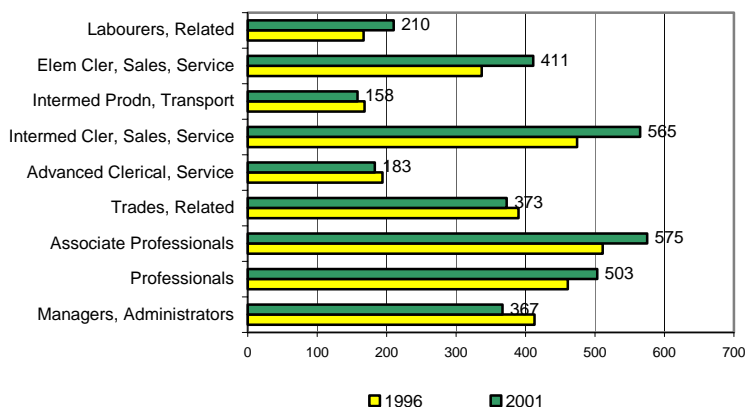
Table 2. Educational Qualifications

Persons aged 15 years and over (excluding overseas visitors)

Level of education	1991			1996			2001		
	Runaway Bay			GCC	Runaway Bay				
	%	%	%		No.	%			
Postgraduate Degree	0.7	1.0	1.2	85	1.0				
Grad Dip & Grad Cert	0.6	0.7	0.7	50	0.8				
Bachelor Degree	4.4	6.2	7.6	535	7.0				
Advanced Dip and Dip	4.8	6.1	6.4	452	5.8				
Trade Certificate	14.3	14.9	17.4	1,233	17.4				
Not stated	15.8	14.0	12.5	882	13.6				
Not applicable	59.4	57.1	54.3	3,841	54.5				
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	7,078	100.0				

Figure 1. Occupation

Employed persons (excluding overseas visitors)



Employment

The labour force in Runaway Bay in 2001 represented 52.8% of people aged 15 years and over (down from 53.9% in 1991), lower than for Gold Coast City (57.6%). From 1991 to 2001, part-time employment in Runaway Bay increased from 13.1% to 17.7% (Table 3). The unemployment rate* decreased from 12.2% to 7.5%.

* 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		
	Runaway Bay			GCC	Runaway Bay				
	%	%	%		No.	%			
Employed, working:									
Full time(a)	32.1	31.6	29.5	2,087	31.6				
Part time	13.1	16.4	17.7	1,252	18.8				
Not stated(b)	2.1	1.3	1.6	112	1.7				
Total employed.	47.4	49.3	48.8	3,451	52.0				
Unemployed, looking for:									
Full time work	5.5	4.1	2.9	206	4.1				
Part time work	1.1	0.8	1.1	75	1.5				
Total unemployed	6.6	4.9	4.0	281	5.6				
Total labour force	53.9	54.2	52.8	3,732	57.6				
Not in the labour force	42.5	43.5	43.6	3,084	36.7				
Not stated(c)	3.6	2.3	3.6	253	5.7				
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	7,069	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 Runaway Bay in 2001 was in the range \$300-\$399 (up from the \$80-\$119 range in 1991). In Runaway Bay, 11.0% of people aged 15 years and over received less than \$120 in 2001 (11.3% for Gold Coast City) and 11.7% 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		
	Runaway Bay		GCC
	%	No.	%
Negative-\$119	11.0	775	11.3
\$120-\$199	12.6	888	14.0
\$200-\$399	24.4	1,716	24.2
\$400-\$599	16.7	1,175	18.2
\$600-\$799	10.7	755	10.5
\$800-\$999	5.5	386	5.4
\$1000 or more	11.7	821	7.3
Not stated	7.5	530	9.1
Total	100.0	7,046	100.0

Occupation

The main occupation in 2001 was Associate Professionals (575 people or 16.7% of employed people) followed by Intermediate Clerical, Sales and Service Workers (565 people or 16.4%) (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 Managers and Administrators.

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Place of birth

In 2001, 27.7% of the Runaway Bay population were overseas born, 17.9% in main English speaking countries and 9.8% in other countries. The proportion of overseas born people in Runaway Bay 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	
	Runaway Bay		Runaway Bay		GCC	
	%	%	%	No.	%	%
Australia	69.4	69.9	68.0	5,540	69.1	
MES(a)	17.7	16.7	17.9	1,456	15.2	
NMES(b)	9.9	10.1	9.8	801	9.2	
Not stated	3.0	3.3	4.4	355	6.5	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	8,152	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, 37.0% of the population of Runaway Bay lived in a family comprising a couple with children (compared to 44.9% for Gold Coast City), and 35.5% lived in couple only households. The proportion of people in one parent families increased from 8.1% in 1991 to 9.3% in 2001, while the proportion of people living alone increased from 8.0% 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)	
	Runaway Bay		Runaway Bay		GCC	
	%	%	%	No.	%	%
One family household:						
Couple with children	50.1	42.1	37.0	2,794	44.9	
Couple without children	28.0	32.2	35.5	2,684	23.1	
One parent family	8.1	8.1	9.3	701	12.9	
Other family	0.6	0.7	1.0	74	1.0	
Total	86.8	83.1	82.7	6,253	81.9	
Multi-family household	1.5	1.7	1.3	97	1.8	
Lone person household	8.0	10.9	12.6	952	10.7	
Group household	3.6	4.3	3.4	258	5.6	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	7,560	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 3,653 occupied private dwellings in Runaway Bay, 48.7% were fully owned (down from 49.6% in 1991), 16.4% were being purchased and 26.9% were being rented. Runaway Bay 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)	
	Runaway Bay		Runaway Bay		GCC	
	%	%	%	No.	%	%
Fully owned	49.6	48.1	48.7	1,778	33.3	
Being purchased(c)	15.3	14.6	16.4	598	22.8	
Rented:						
State Housing Authority	0.6	1.3	1.1	41	2.5	
Other landlord type(c)	25.2	27.8	25.4	928	31.7	
Not stated	1.1	0.2	0.4	14	0.5	
Other Tenure type(c)	8.2	8.1	8.0	294	9.2	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	3,653	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 Runaway Bay in 2001, 51.8% of all private dwellings were separate houses (down from 61.2% in 1991), 20.0% were semi-detached, row/terrace or townhouses (up from 6.0%), and 25.8% were flats, units or apartments (down from 28.5%). 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 Runaway Bay declined from 2.5 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)	
	Runaway Bay		Runaway Bay		GCC	
	%	%	%	No.	%	%
Separate house	61.2	51.3	51.8	2,148	57.1	
Semi-detached, row or terrace house, townhouse	6.0	14.8	20.0	830	16.1	
Flat, unit or apartment:						
In 1 or 2 storey block	5.4	4.5	3.0	124	8.0	
In 3 or more storey block	22.8	24.6	22.7	941	15.3	
Attached to a house	0.2	0.2	0.1	4	0.3	
Total	28.5	29.3	25.8	1,069	23.6	
Other dwelling:						
Caravan, houseboat	2.7	1.8	1.6	68	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	3	0.2	
Total	2.8	2.0	1.7	71	1.7	
Not stated	1.6	2.6	0.6	25	1.6	

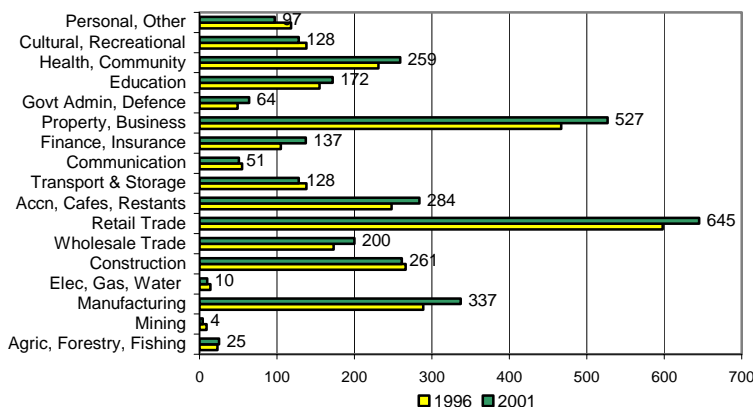
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Industry

The main industry of employment in 2001 was Retail Trade (645 people or 18.7% of employed people) followed by Property and Business Services (527 people or 15.3%) (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 Personal and Other Services.

Figure 2. Industry
Employed persons (excluding overseas visitors)



Other population facts from the 2001 Census

	Runaway Bay	GCC
Visitors from different SLA (No.) (a)	548	48,720
Lived at same address 5 years ago (%) (b)	41.0	38.5
Households with no motor vehicle (%) (a)	8.0	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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