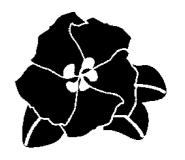


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# **1996 Census of Population and Housing**

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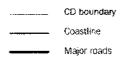
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MAP SYMBOLS

Maps are oriented conventionally with north to the top of the page, and each map is accompanied by a legend showing the colour and values for each class of the mapped data. CDs containing less than 50 people have been left unshaded.

The maps show major roads, selected coastline and CD boundaries. The following symbols are used on the maps:



Topographic data are provided under an agreement with the Public Sector Mapping Agencies.

MAP LEGEND

The map legend identifies the colours used to shade each class on a map e.g.



Although the value '15' is shown on the legend twice, any region with this value for the mapped attribute falls into one class only. The class '15 – 22', for example, will include all values from and including 15 and up to but not including 22. However, for simplicity, the ranges are shown as '15 – 22', '22 – 30' and so on.

CLASS INTERVAL SELECTION

Selecting appropriate class intervals for each map is a key aspect of representing statistical data. For each map, five classes have been used so that the reader is able to distinguish each class clearly. Class intervals which reflect the distribution of the data were calculated using the Dalenius-Hodges algorithm<sup>1</sup>. The aim of this clustering algorithm is to group CDs with similar values in the same class.

NON-RESIDENTIAL AND FARM LAND

No distinction has been drawn between residential land and non-residential and farm land within a CD. The census data are assumed to be homogeneous, or evenly spread, across the entire CD, even across large parklands and industrial estates, etc. The exception to this is the CD covering the airport which has been modified to encompass just the residential area of the RAAF base.

REFERENCE MAPS

Reference maps are also included with this atlas showing:

- SLAs in relation to the mapped area (p. 41);
- Postal Areas based on CD boundaries (p. 42); and
- selected locations noted in the text accompanying the maps (p. 43).

These may be photocopied to produce overlays to be placed on the CD-based maps. Translucent tracing paper is recommended for this purpose rather than transparent film as it is easier to identify selected areas.

T. Dalenius & J. L. Hodges, Jr. 'Minimum variance stratification', *Journal of the American Statistical* Association, vol. 54, 1959, pp. 88–101.

#### Introduction

ABOUT THIS ATLAS

This *Social Atlas* is one of a series of atlases of Australian capital cities. It contains maps illustrating a range of social, demographic and economic characteristics of the population of Darwin using data collected in the 1996 Census of Population and Housing. A commentary accompanying each map briefly analyses these characteristics and highlights the main features.

The maps in this atlas are based on where people were counted on census night. Visitors whose usual residence was in another country have been excluded from most maps. However, all other visitors to Darwin have been included.

The mapped area for this atlas is the Darwin Statistical Division, excluding the statistical local areas (SLAs) of Lee Point-Leanyer Swamp, East Arm and Palmerston (T) Balance (refer page 41). The number of people counted in the mapped area on census night, 6 August 1996, excluding overseas visitors, was 82,277. Of these, 12,208 were counted in the Urban Centre of Palmerston.

ABOUT THE CENSUS

The 1996 Census of Population and Housing aimed at counting every person who spent census night, 6 August, in Australia. This included people in private dwellings, non-private dwellings, camping out, on vessels in or between Australian ports, and on overnight transport. All people, including visitors and tourists, were counted where they actually spent census night, which may not have been where they usually lived.

All private dwellings were counted, whether occupied or unoccupied. Occupied non-private dwellings, such as hotels, motels, hospitals and prisons, were also included.

MAP TOPICS

A set of core topics has been selected from the characteristics of the population to enable comparability between atlases. In addition, the following city-specific topics have been included in this atlas because of their particular relevance to Darwin — People born in Southeast Asia, Overseas visitors, Domestic visitors, People attending tertiary institutions, and Own account workers and employers.

STATISTICAL BOUNDARIES

Topics are mapped by census collection districts (CDs), which are the smallest geographic areas used for collection and dissemination of census data. In towns and cities there are usually between 200 to 300 dwellings in each CD and where possible they have easily identified boundaries, such as streets and waterways.

CDs are the basic building blocks for the aggregation of statistics to larger areas, such as SLAs and local government areas. As can be seen from the maps, CDs vary in shape and size.

INTERPRETING THE MAPS

Each topic is mapped using different colours to represent different proportions of the mapped characteristic. With the exception of one topic, 'Population density', the maps express the various characteristics as a percentage of the relevant population; e.g., unemployed people as a percentage of the labour force. Population density shows the number of people per square kilometre.

#### COMPARABILITY WITH 1991 ATLAS

DINKs The definition of DINKs is the same as that for 1991 with the exception that the younger

partner of the couple must be less than 40 years old. In 1991 the female partner had to

be less than 36 years old.

Family relationships There have been several changes to the classification of family relationships (including

dependent children). For further information consult the 1996 and 1991 Census

Dictionary (Cat. no. 2901.0) or contact the ABS.

Income Additional categories were included in the 1996 Census for nil and negative incomes.

For purposes of aggregation to household income, negative income is given a value of

zero.

One parent families The map relating to one parent families excludes those families with non-dependent

children only. These families were included in this topic in 1991.

Overseas visitors There were 1,728 overseas visitors counted in the mapped area on census night. These

people have been excluded from all maps except for 'Population change', 'Overseas visitors' and 'Domestic visitors'. Overseas visitors were included in previous atlases.

Private dwellings Self-care units in retirement villages and manufactured homes on estates are classified as

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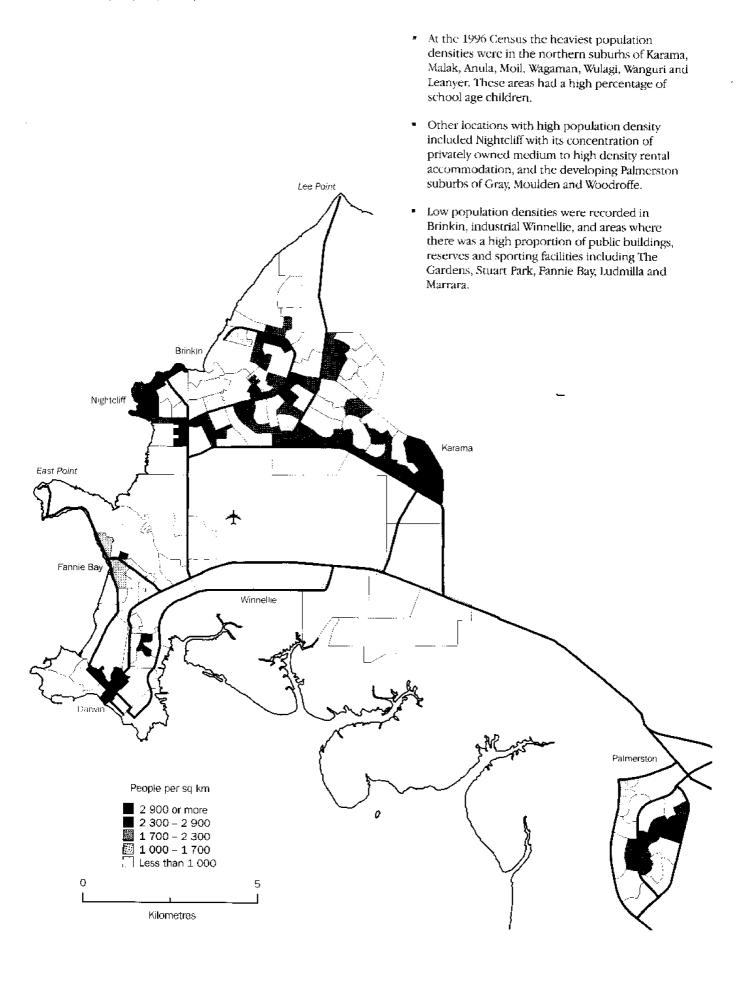
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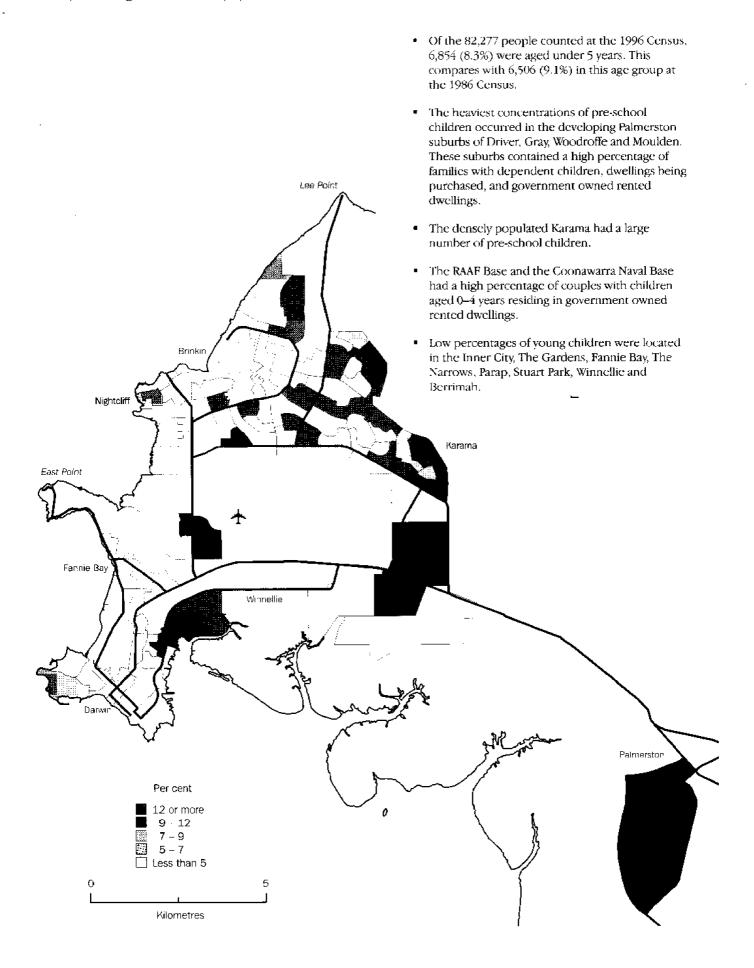


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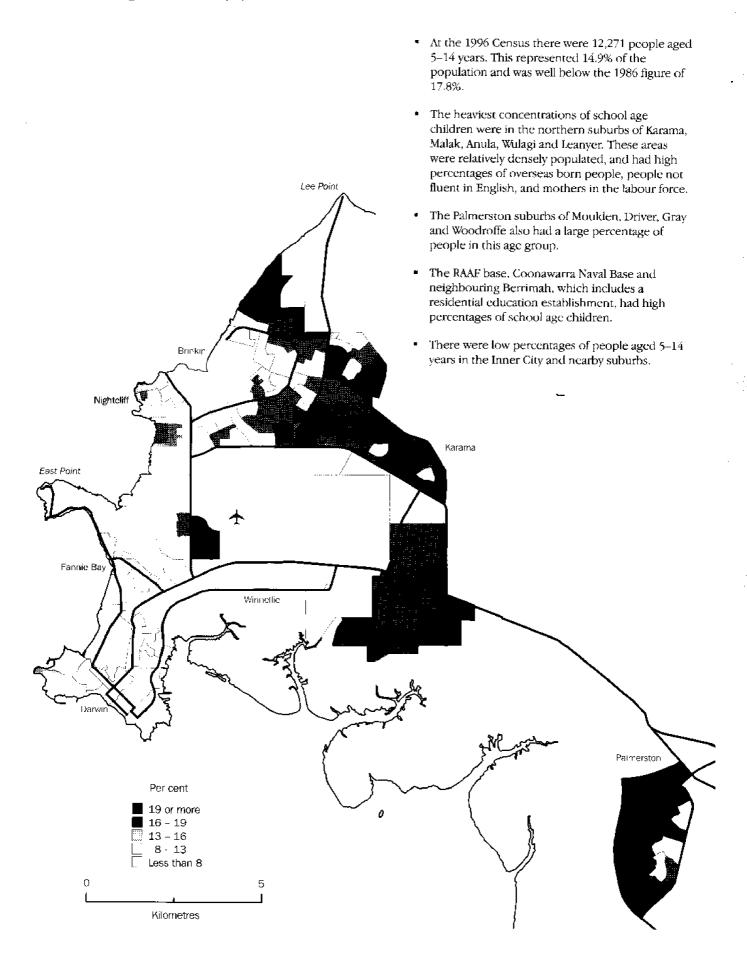
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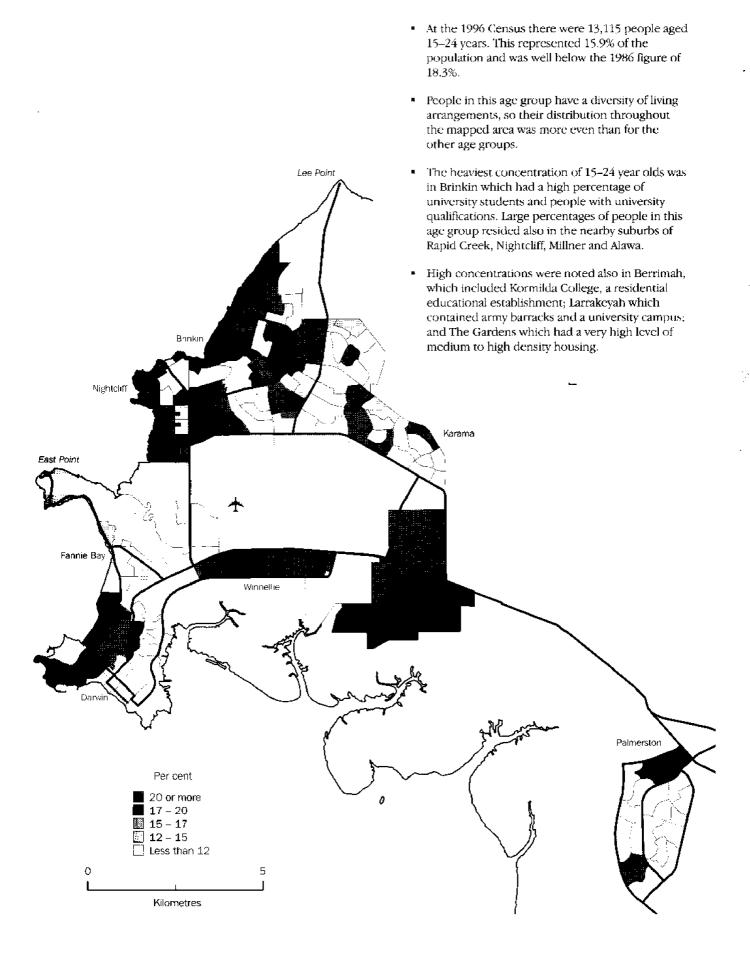
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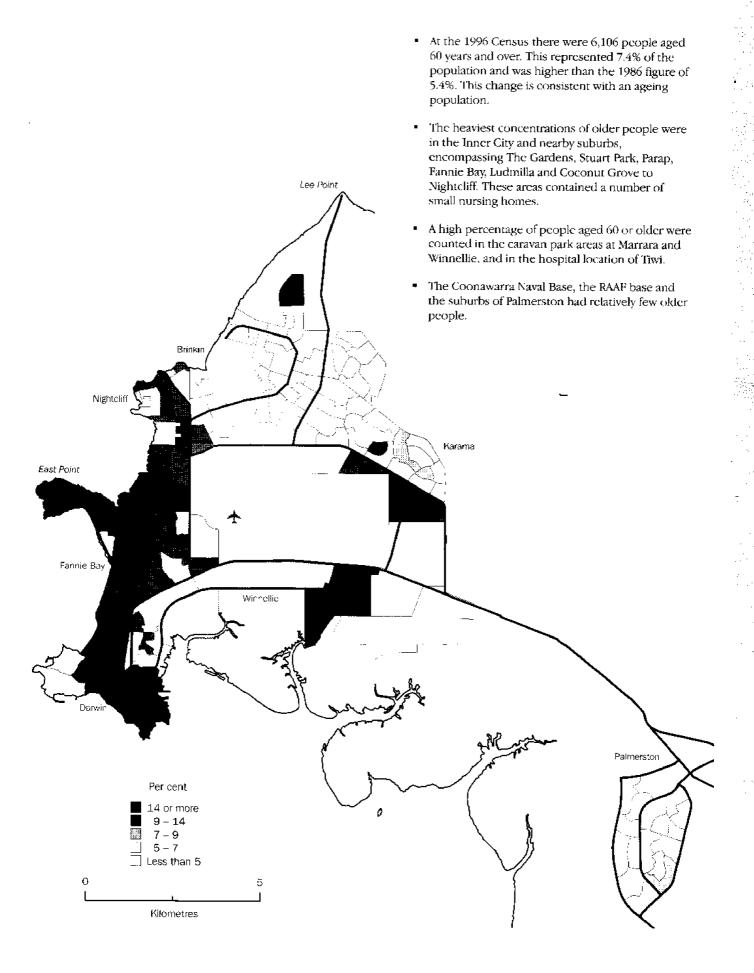
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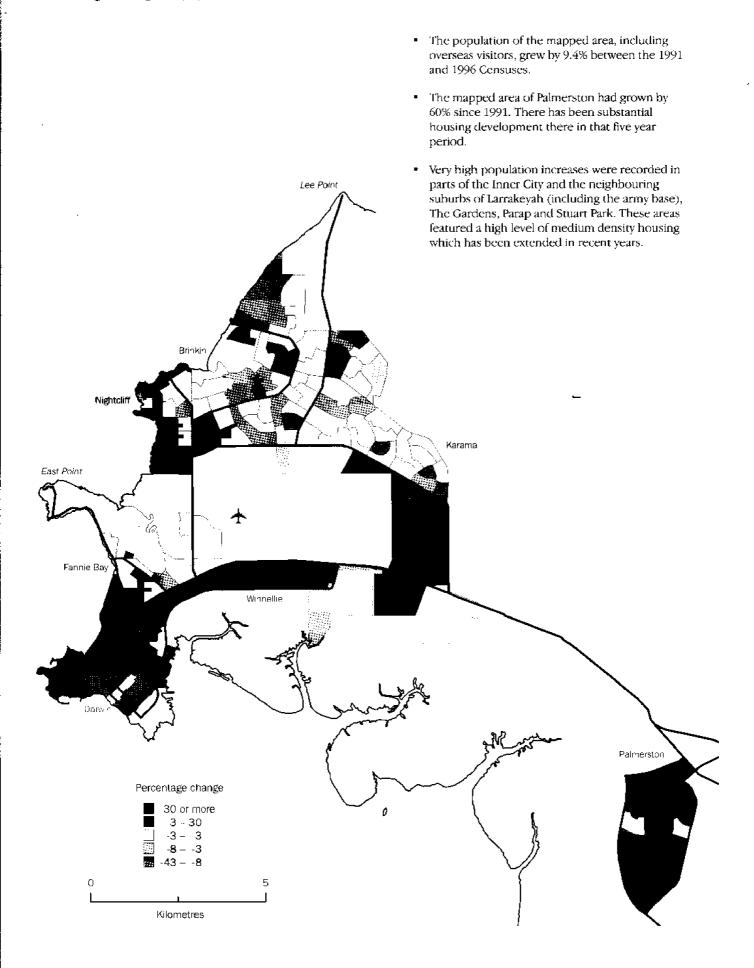


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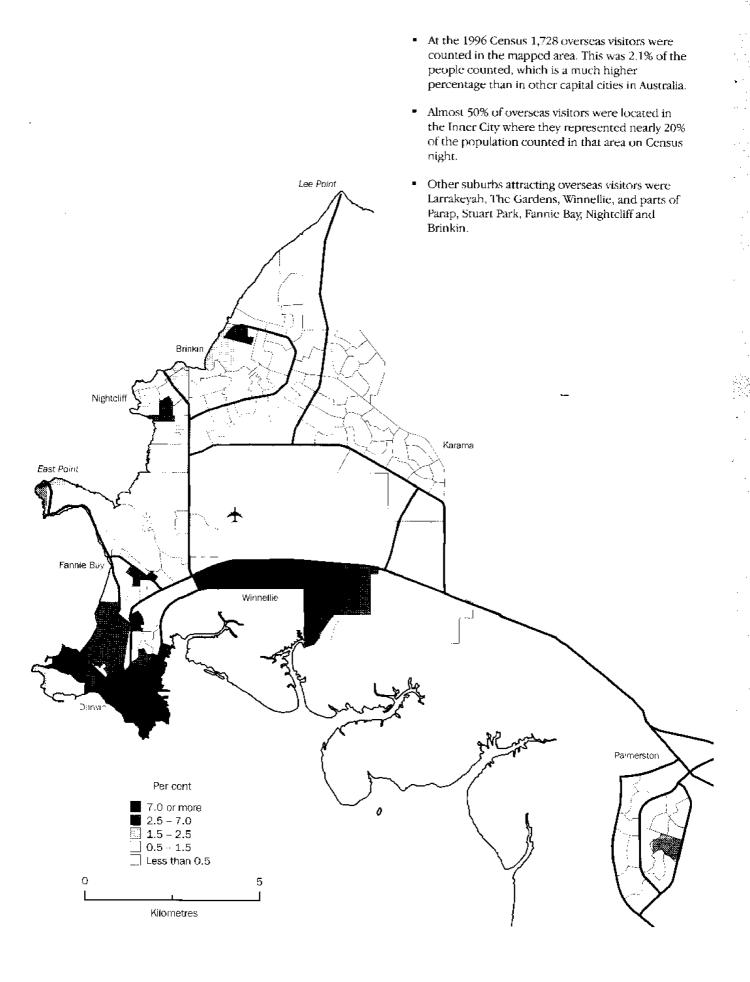
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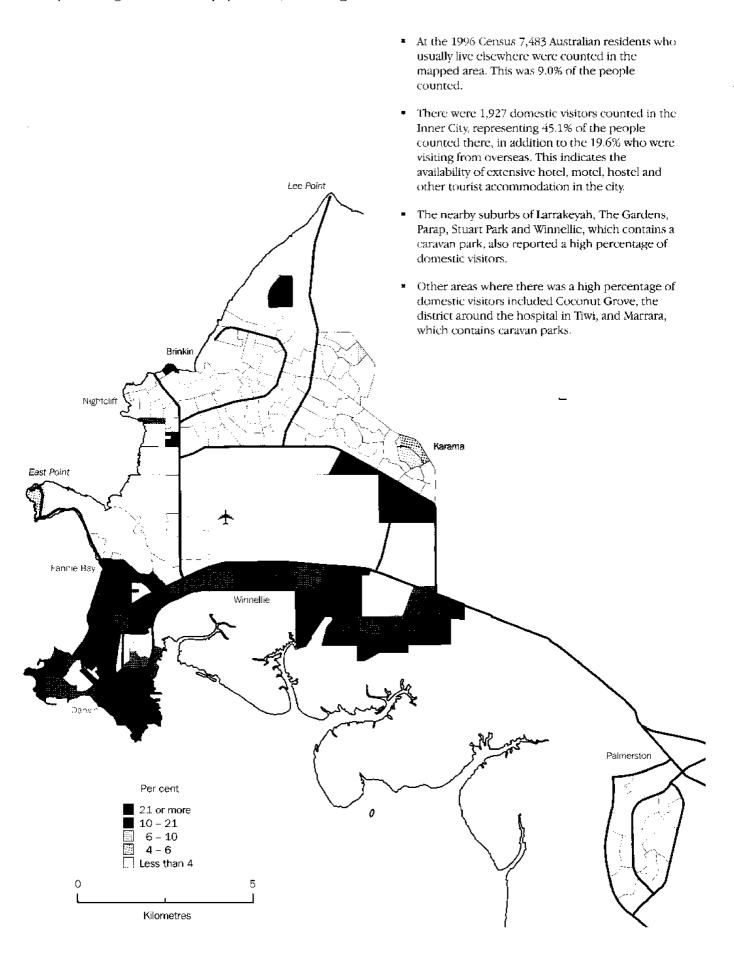
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As a percentage of the total population, including overseas visitors

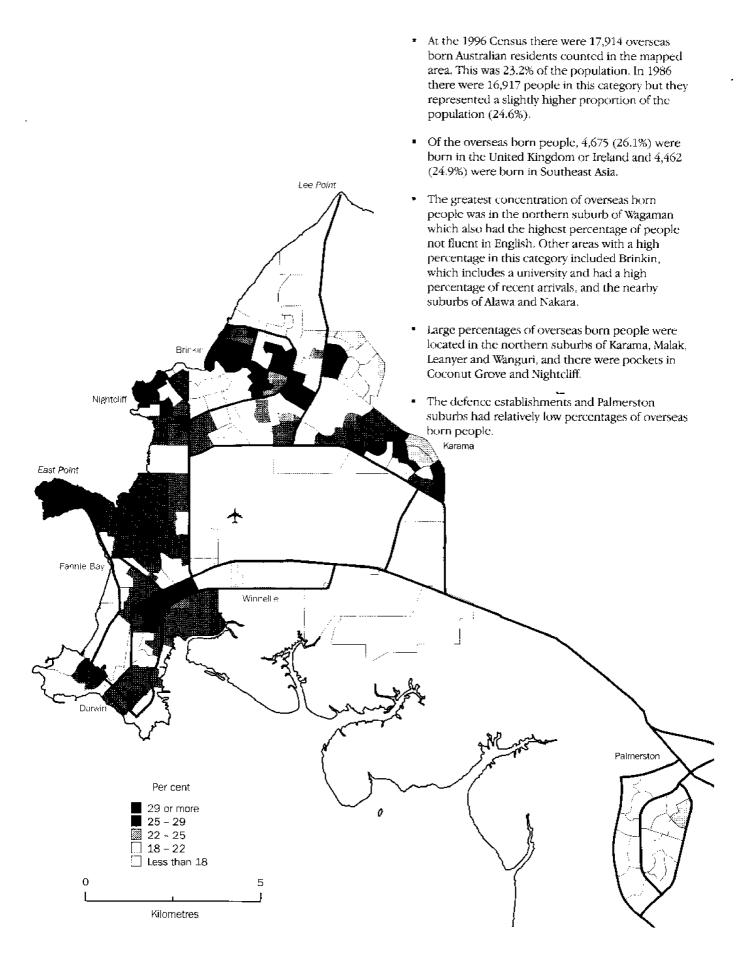


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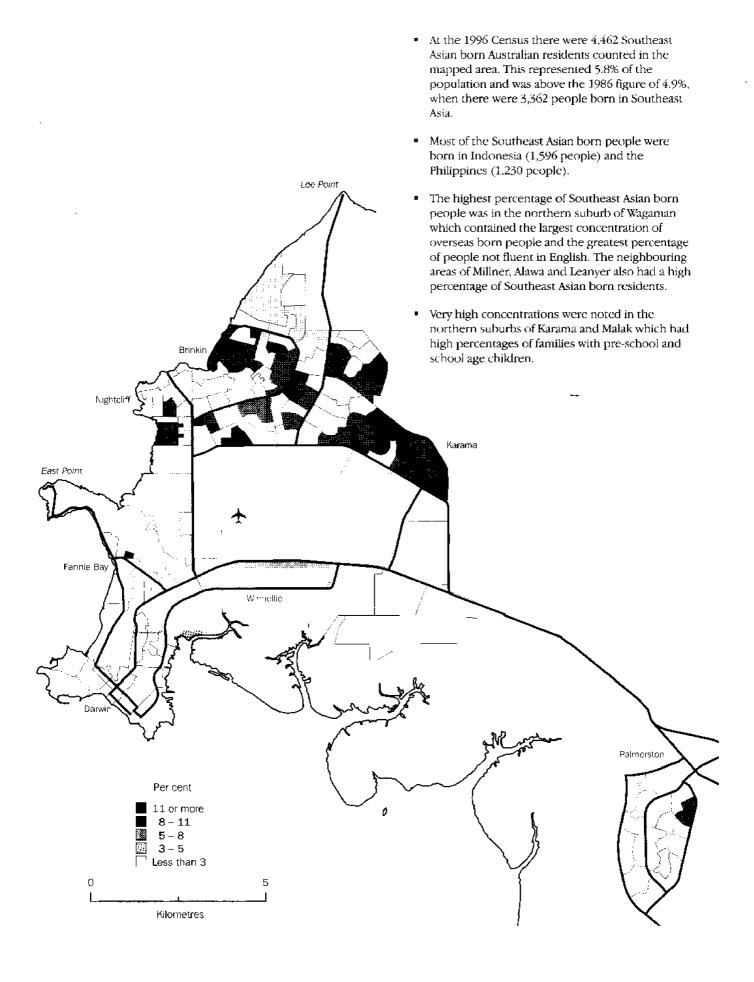
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#### People born overseas

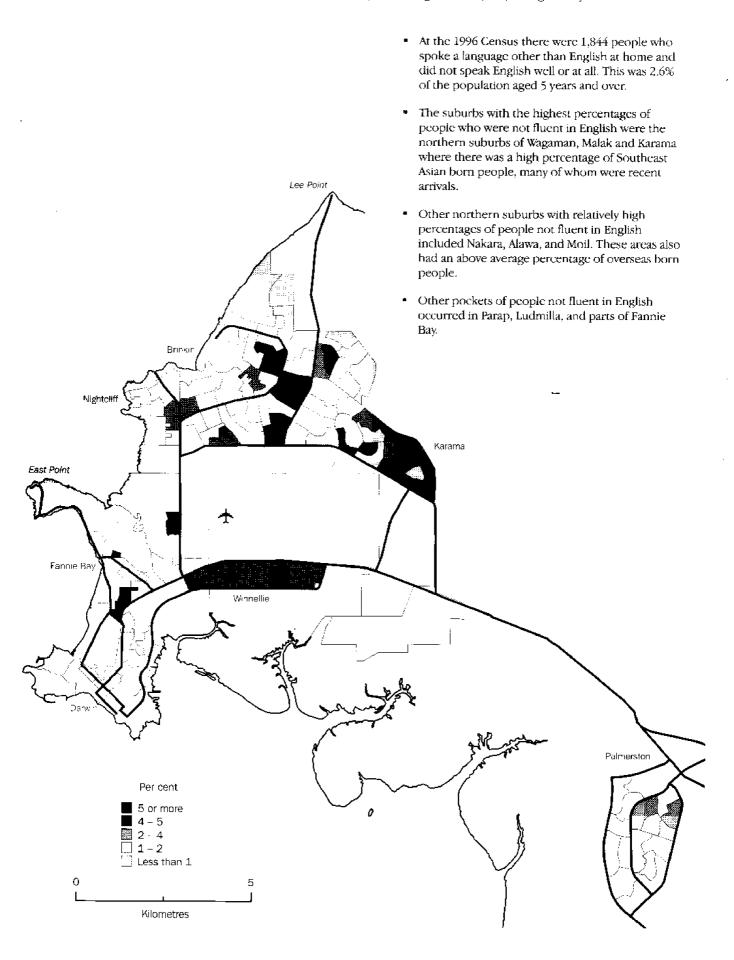


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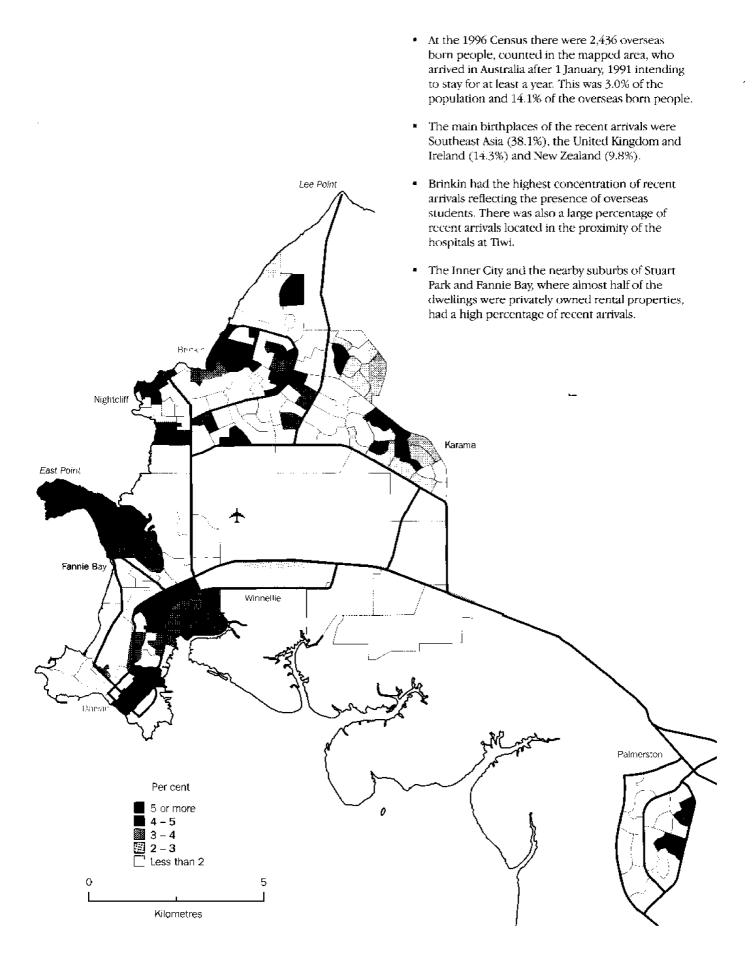


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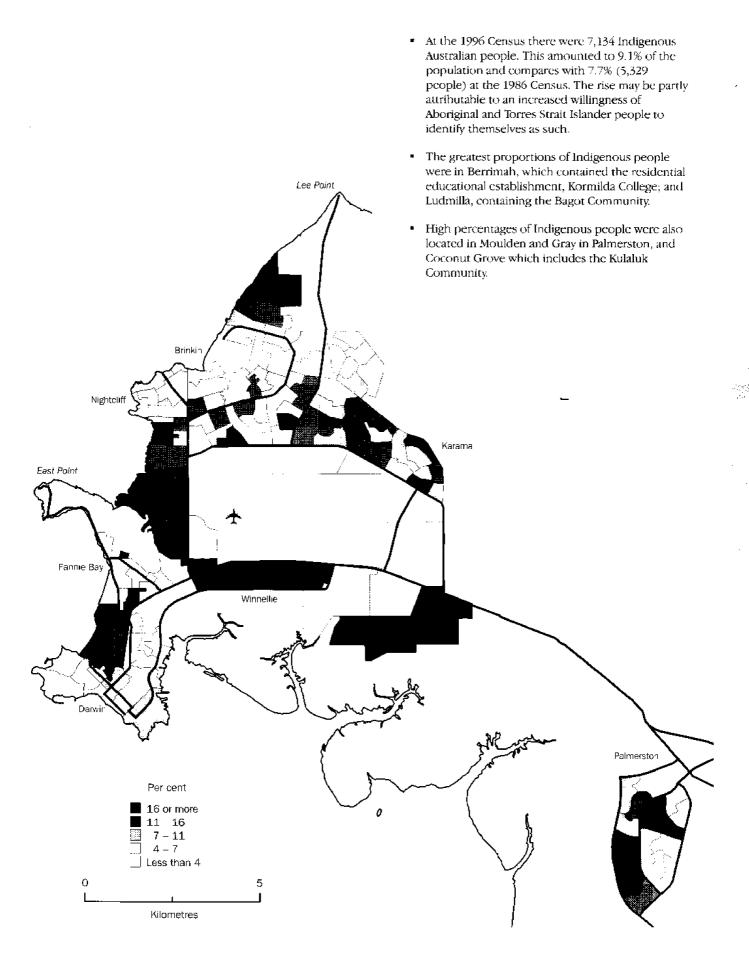
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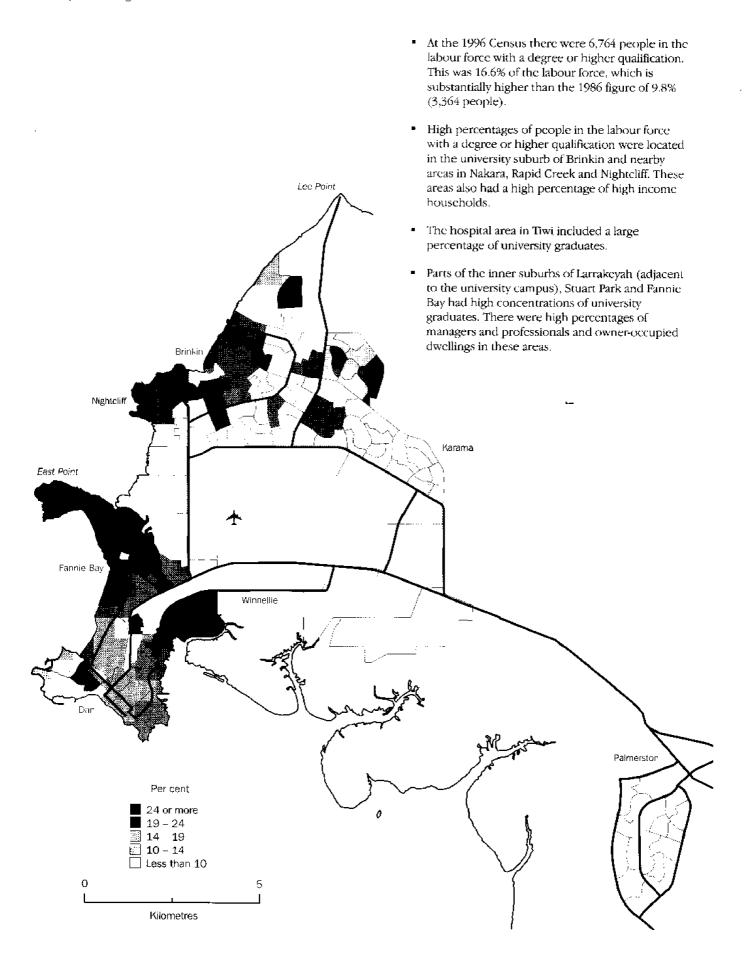
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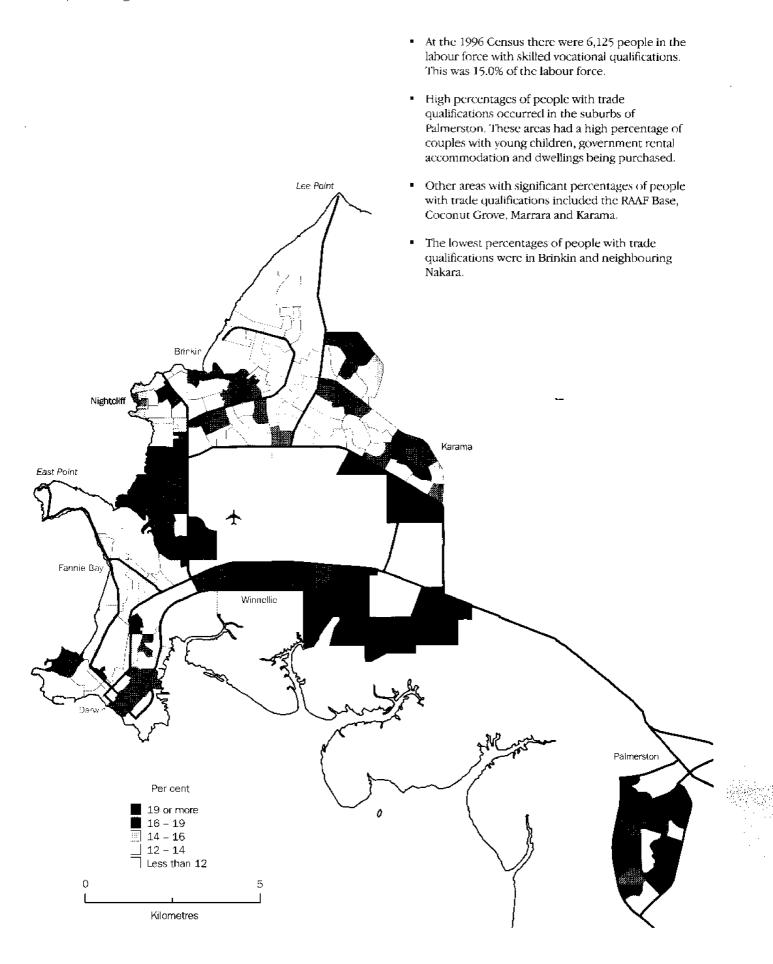
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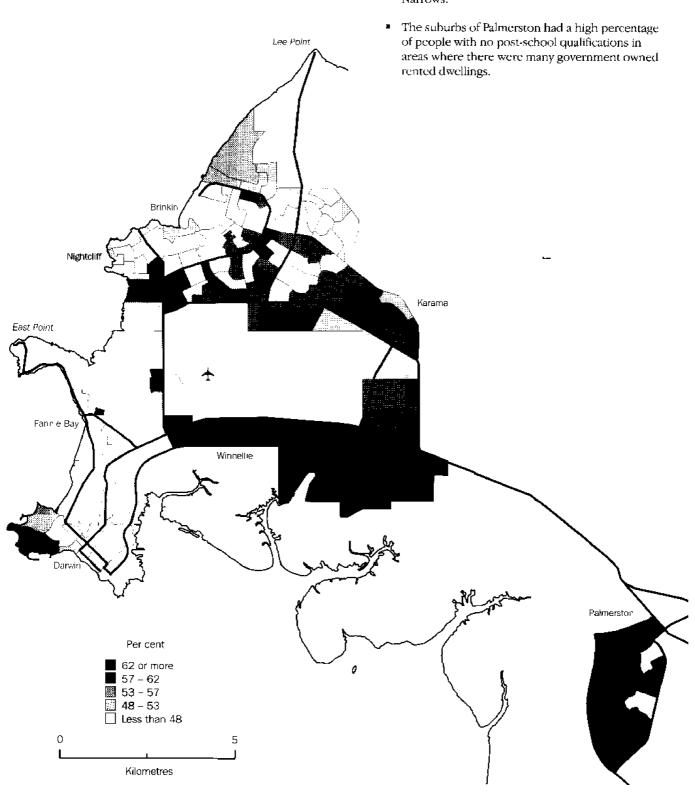


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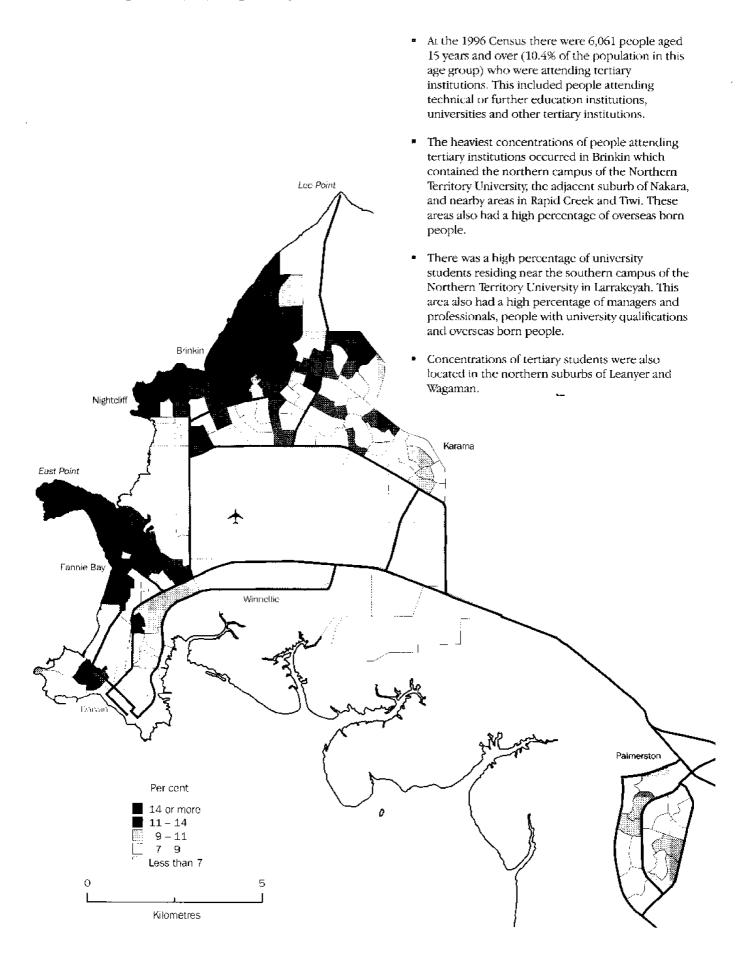
### People without qualifications

- At the 1996 Census there were 22,432 people in the labour force who had no post-school qualifications. This was 55.0% of the labour force.
- Very high concentrations of people with no post-school qualifications were noted in the low income older suburbs of Winnellie and The Narrows.



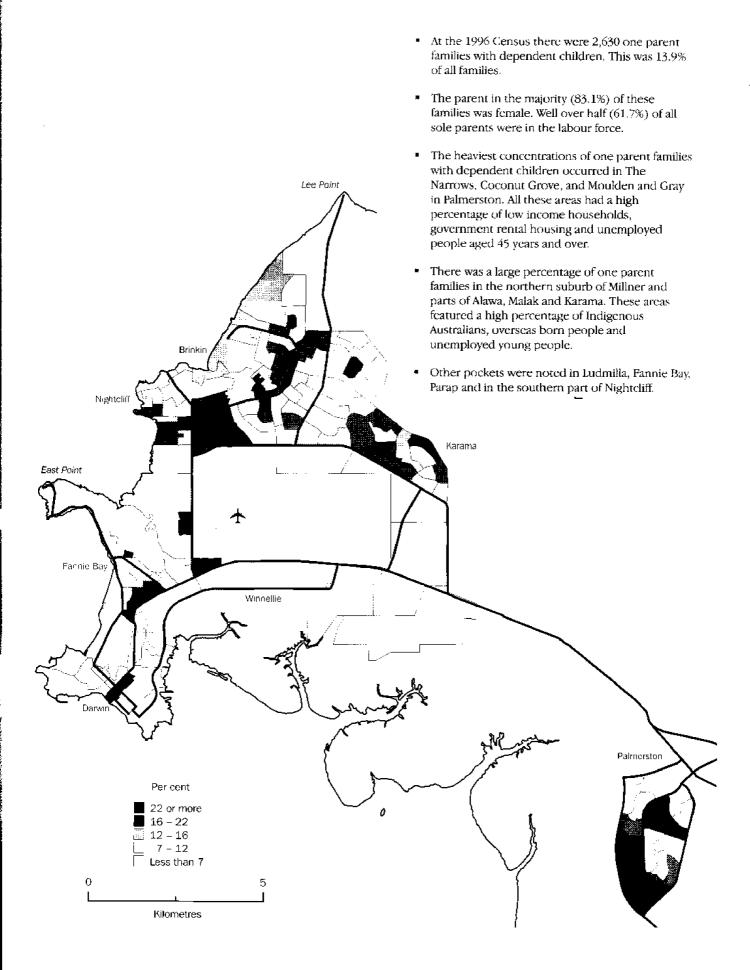
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As a percentage of all people aged 15 years or older



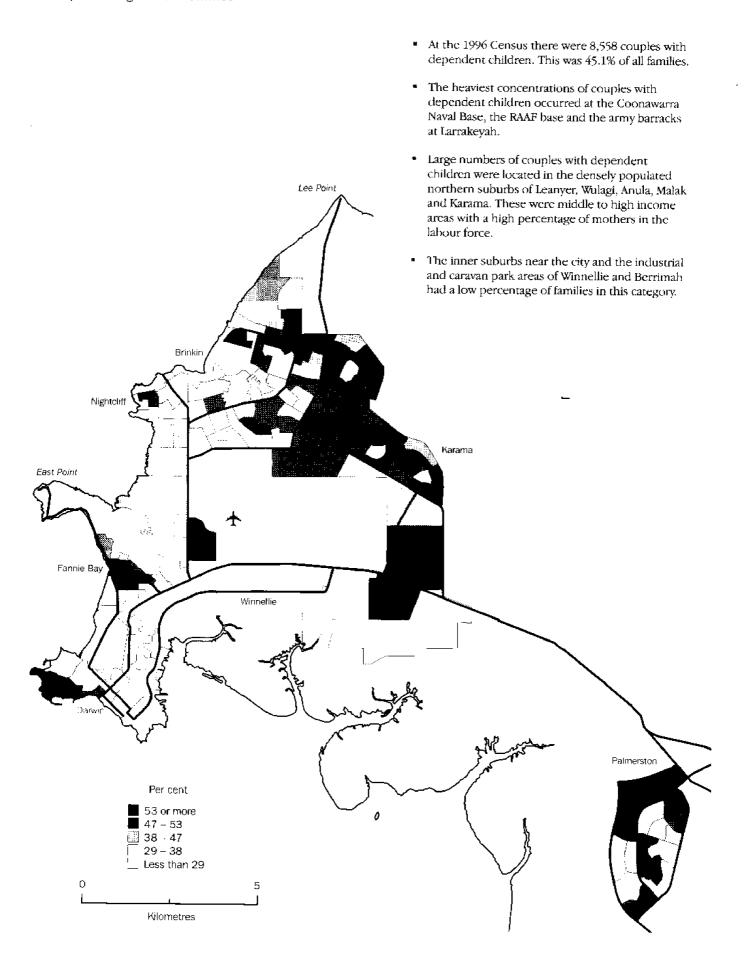
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As a percentage of all families



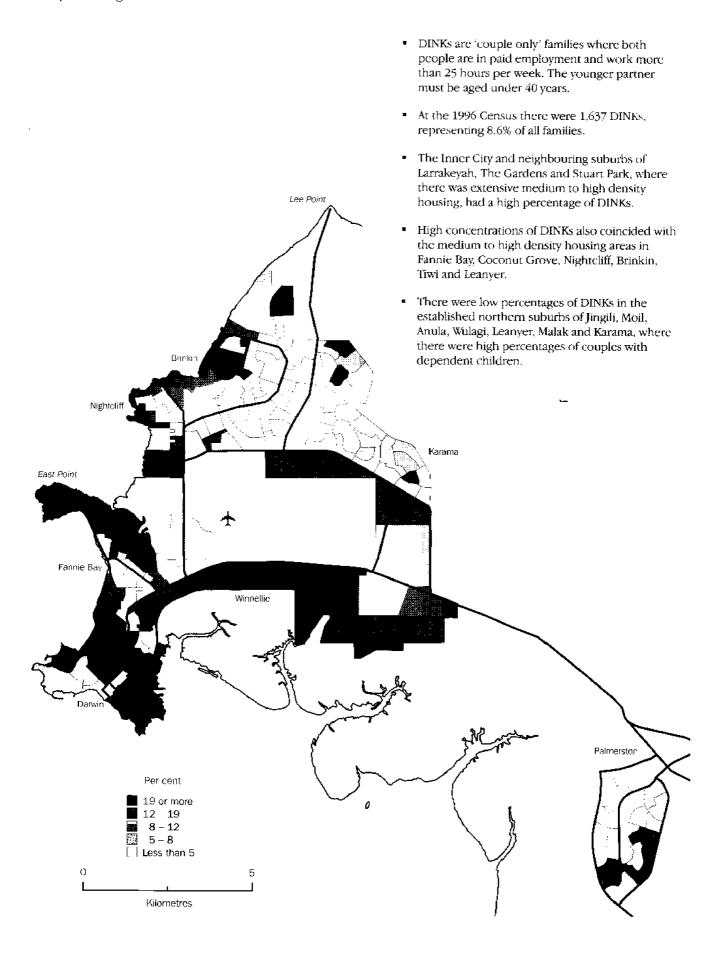
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As a percentage of all families



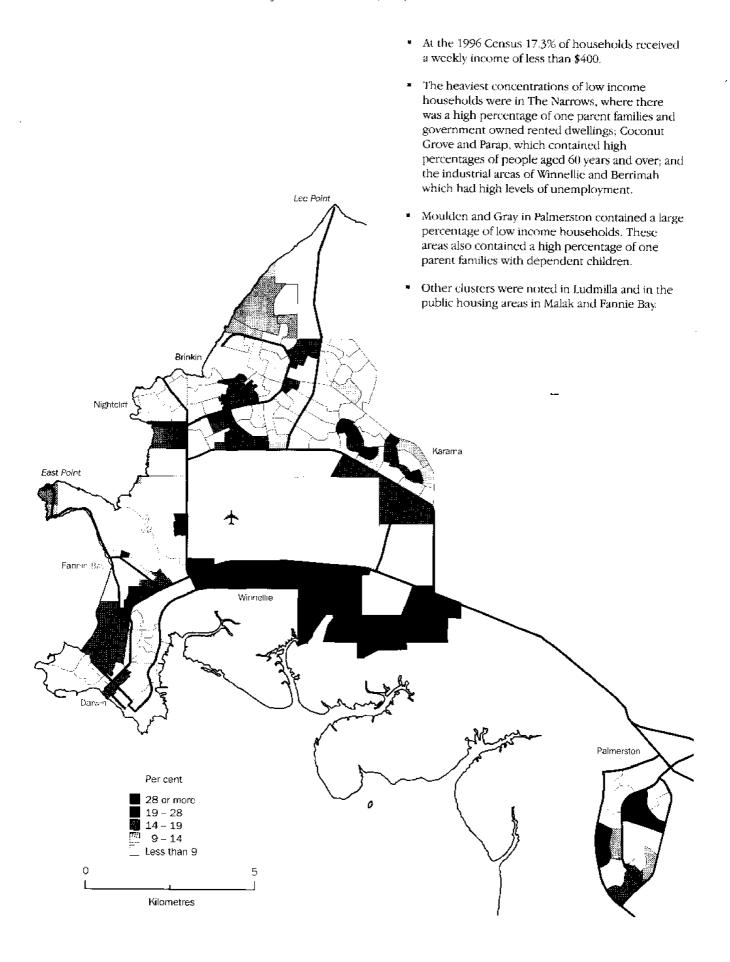
#### DINKs (double income, no kids)

As a percentage of all families



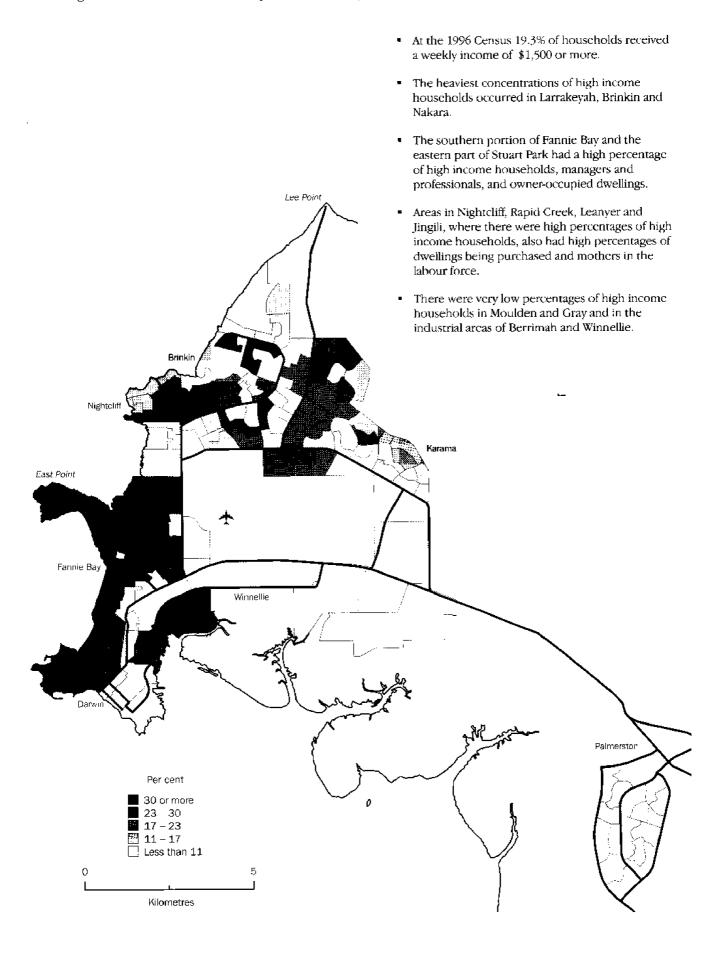
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Percentage of households with weekly income under \$400

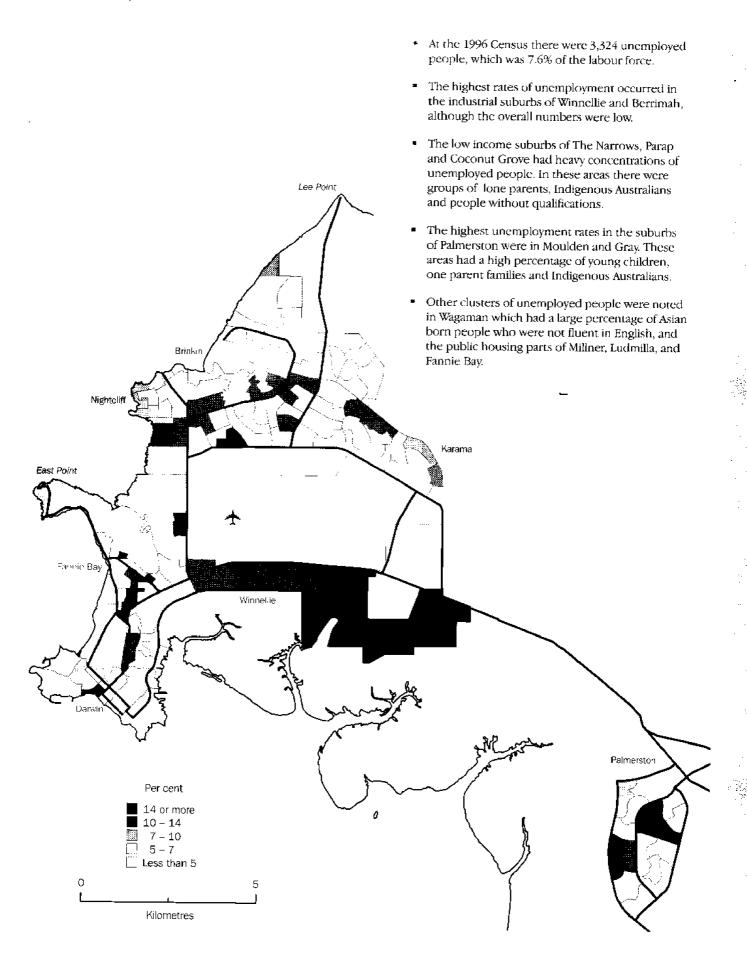


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Percentage of households with weekly income of \$1,500 or more

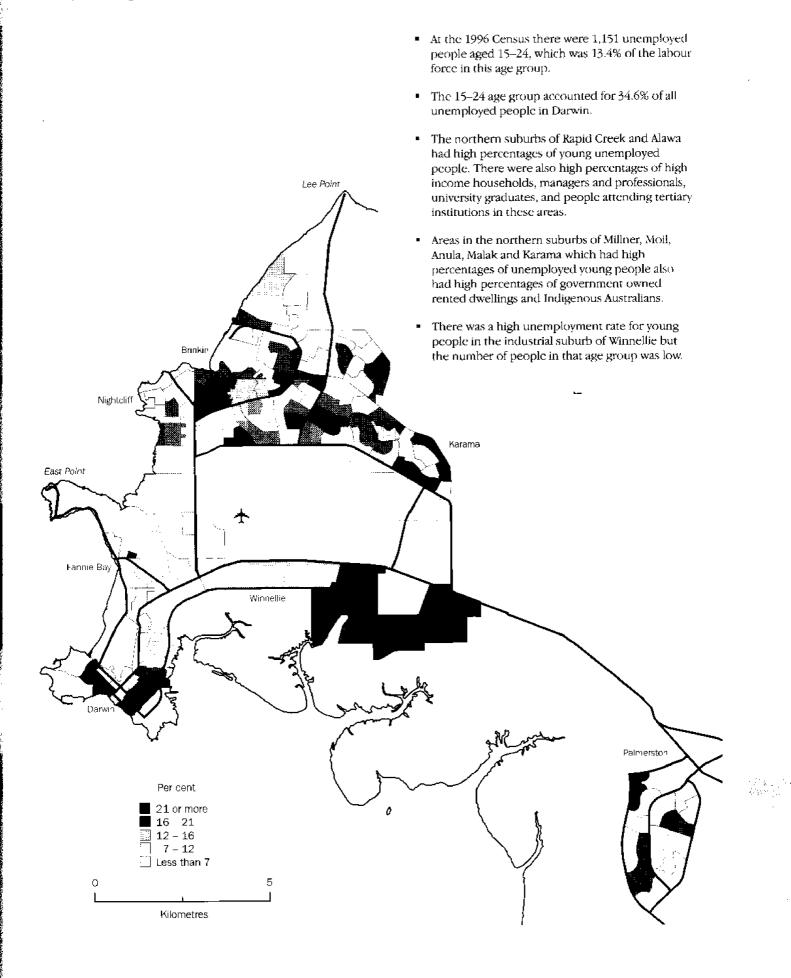


# **Unemployed people**



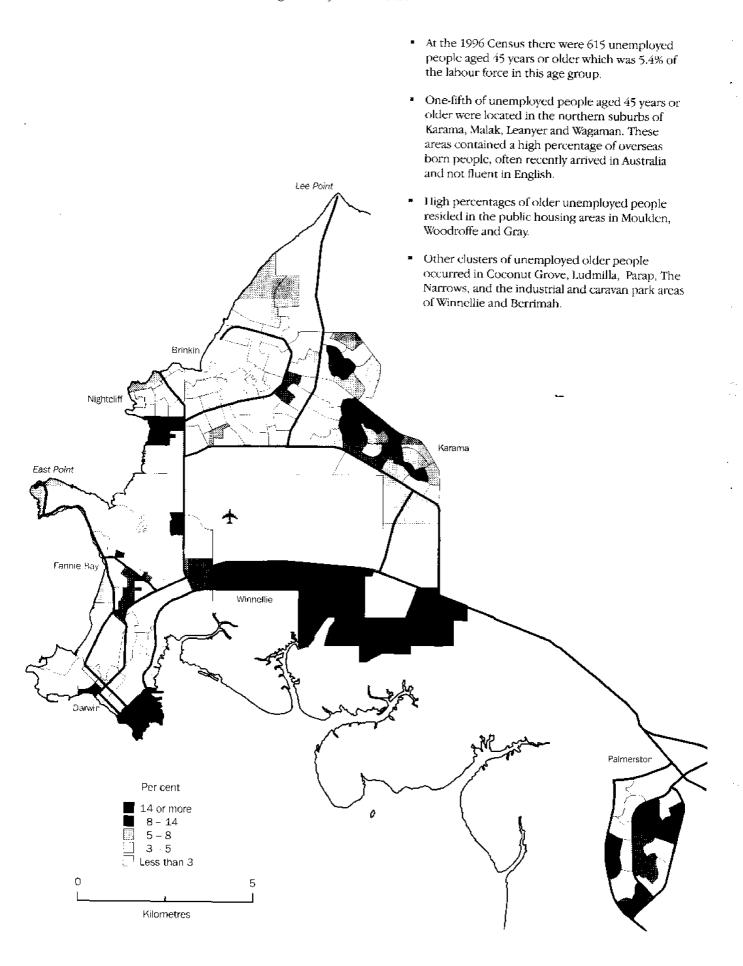
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As a percentage of the labour force aged 15 24 years



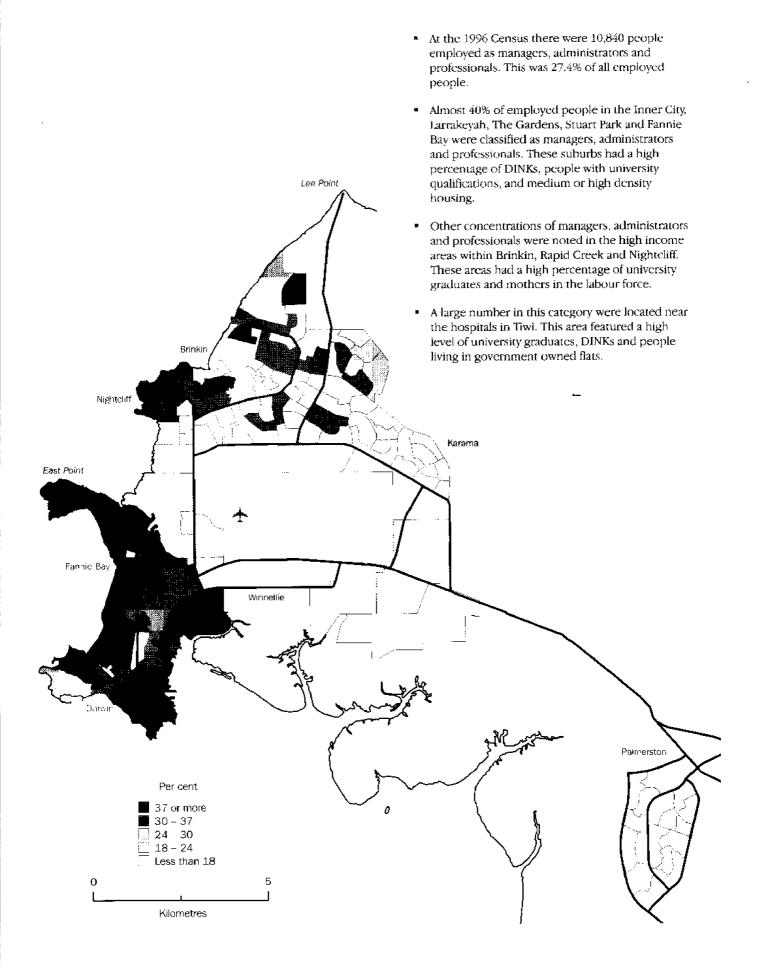
# Unemployed people aged 45 years or older

As a percentage of the labour force aged 45 years or older



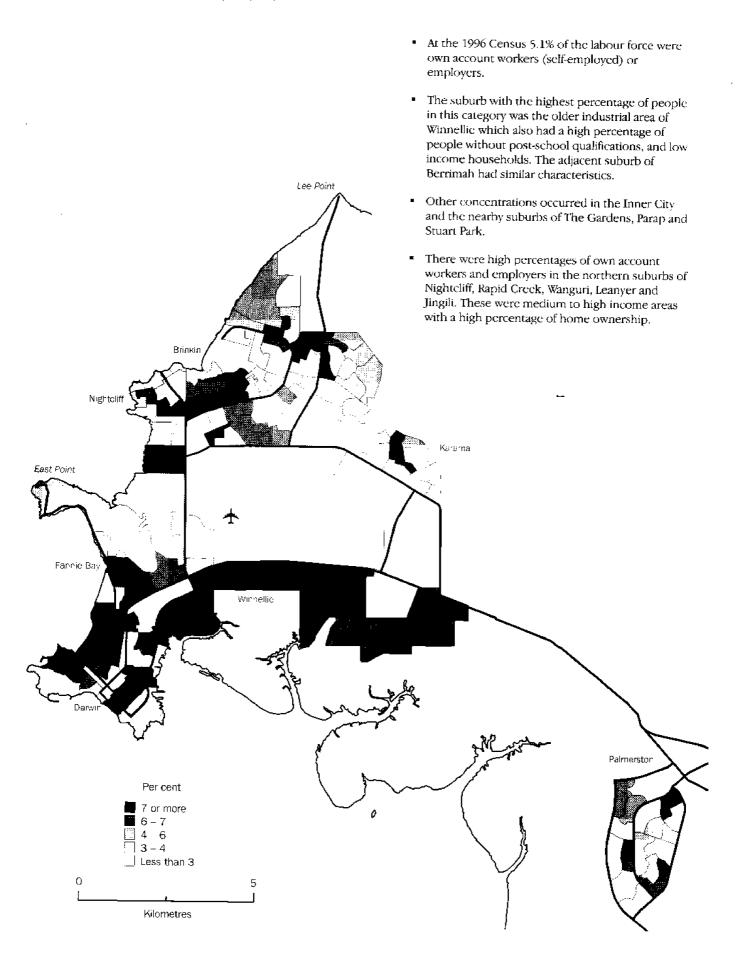
#### Managers, administrators and professionals

As a percentage of all employed people



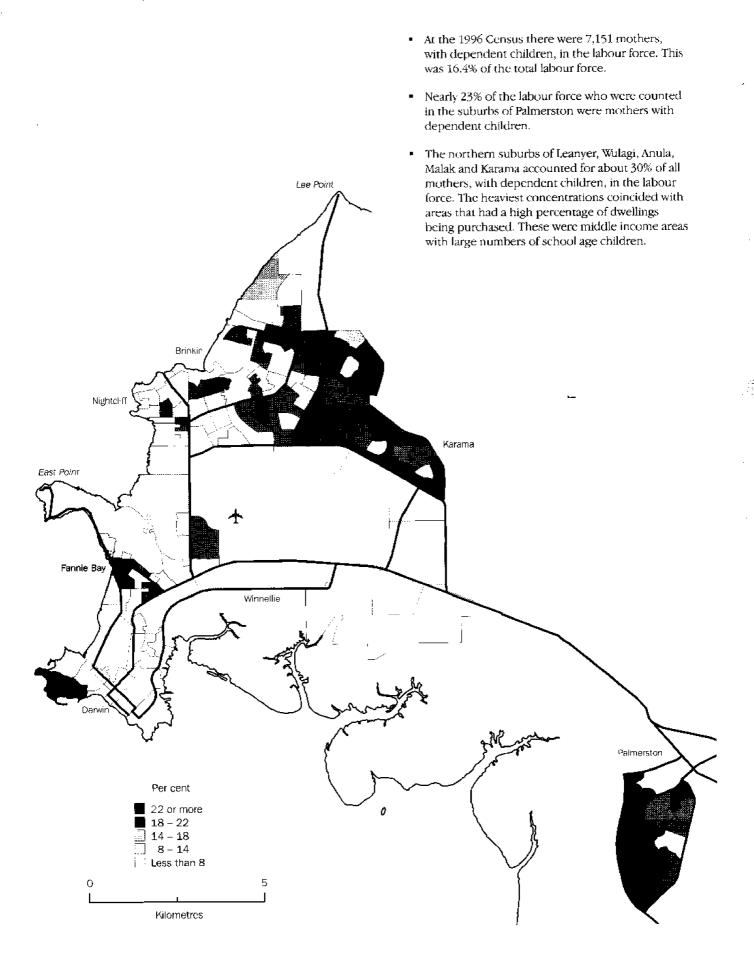
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As a percentage of all employed people



#### Mothers in the labour force

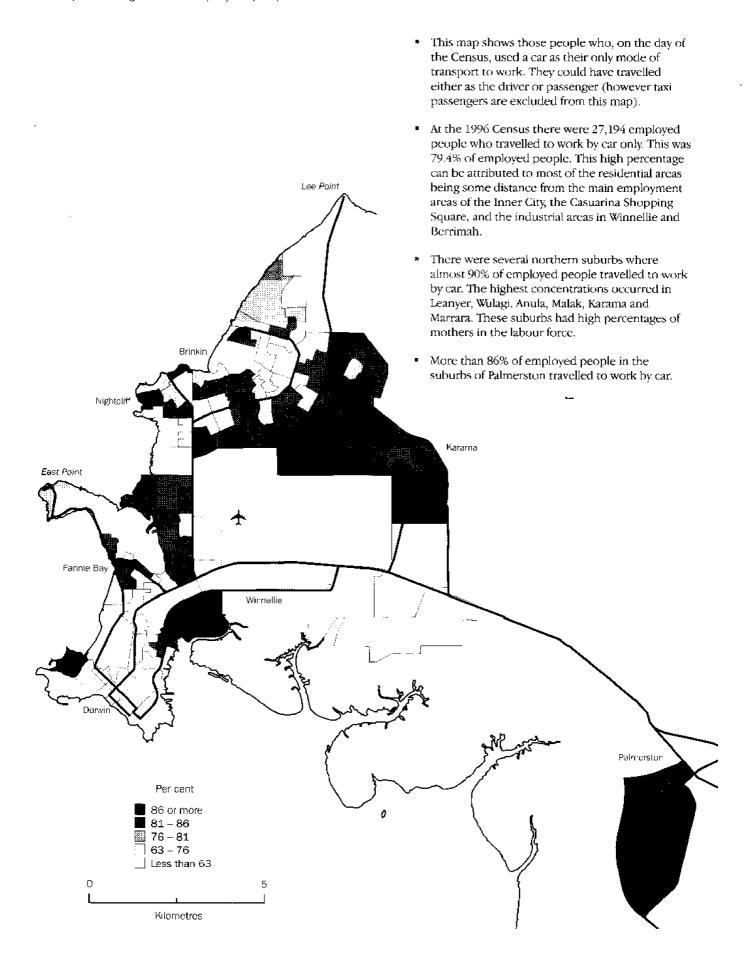
Females, with dependent children, in the labour force as a percentage of the labour force



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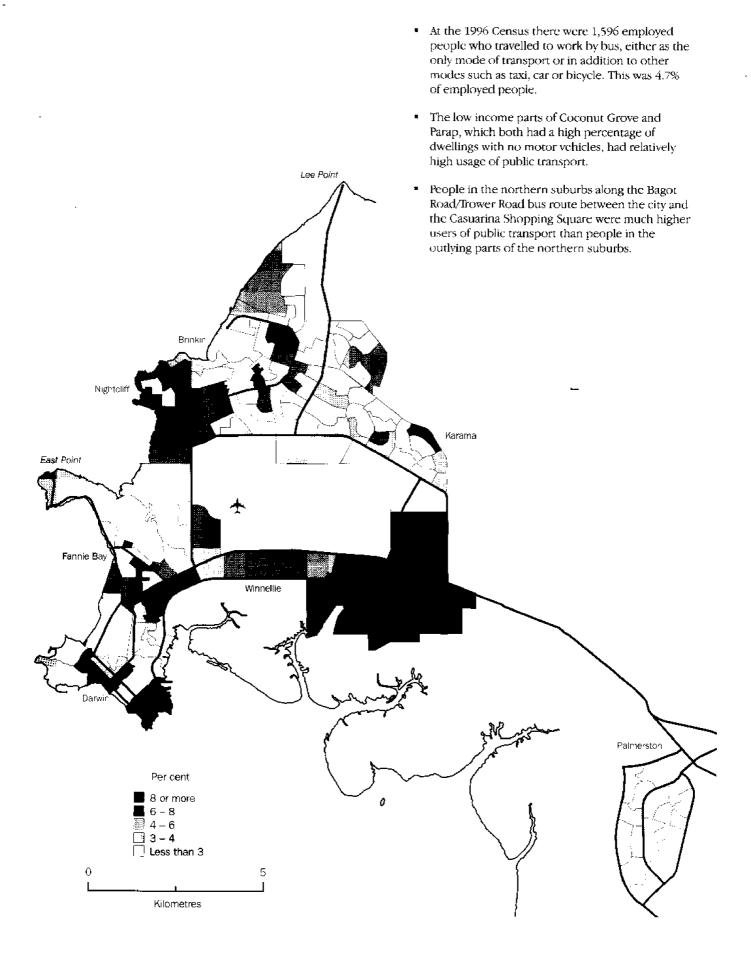
#### People who travelled to work by car

As a percentage of all employed people



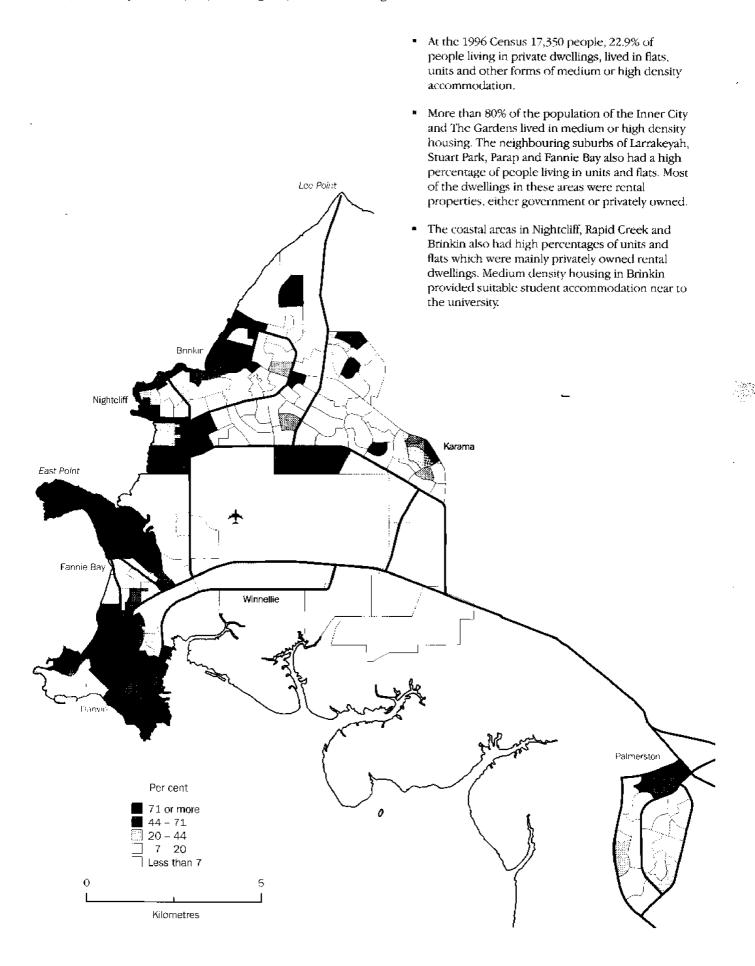
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As a percentage of all employed people

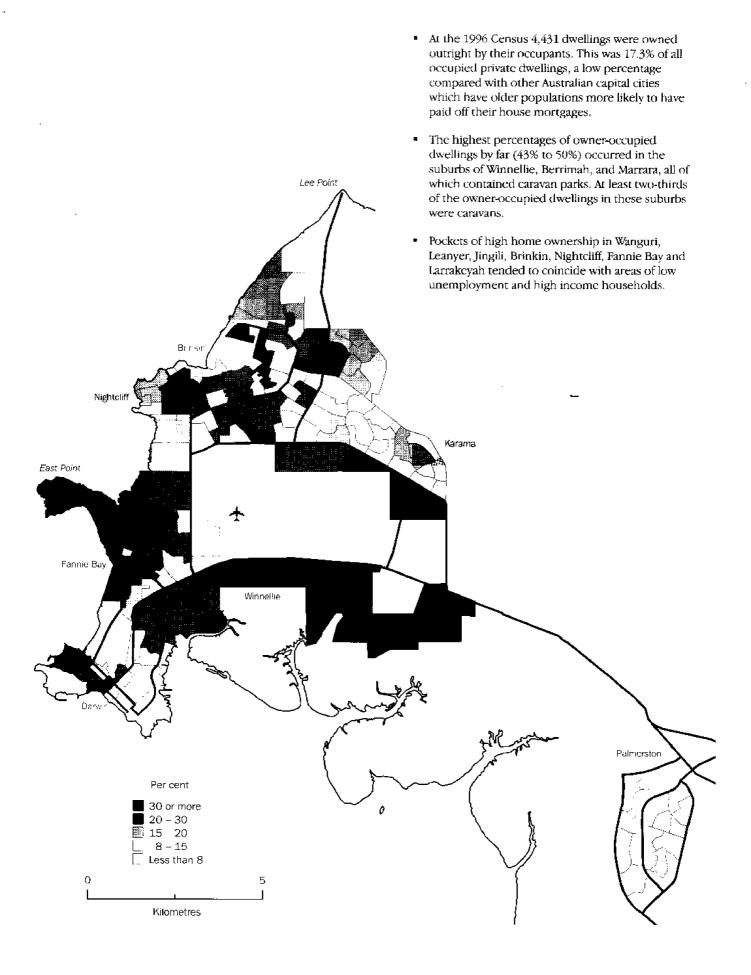


#### People occupying medium or high density housing

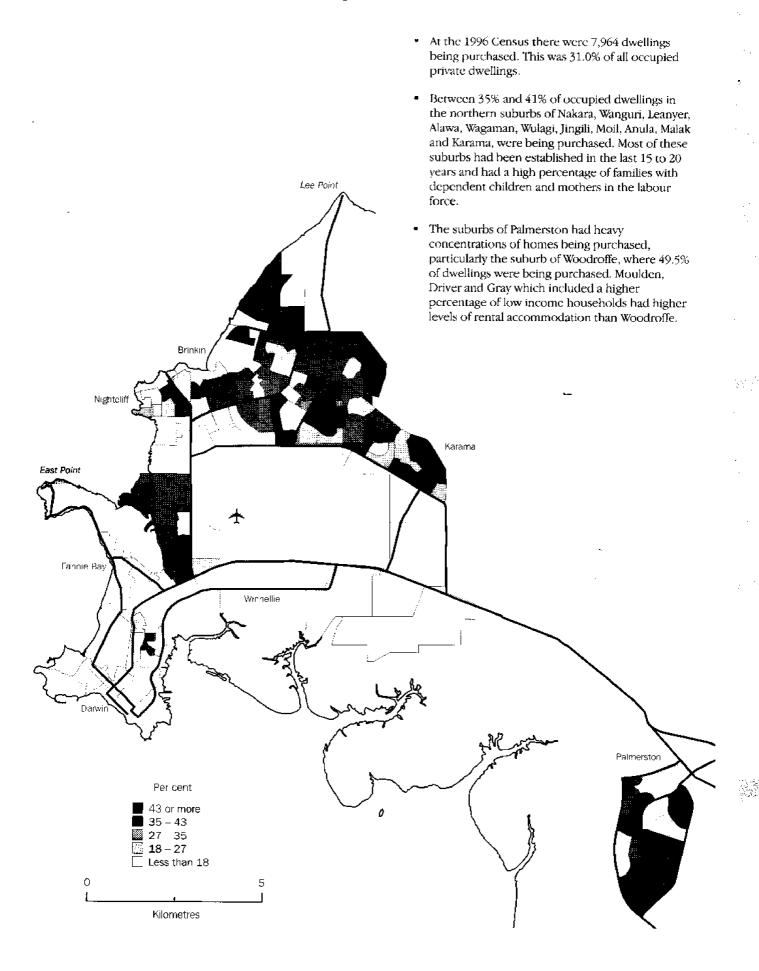
As a percentage of all people living in private dwellings



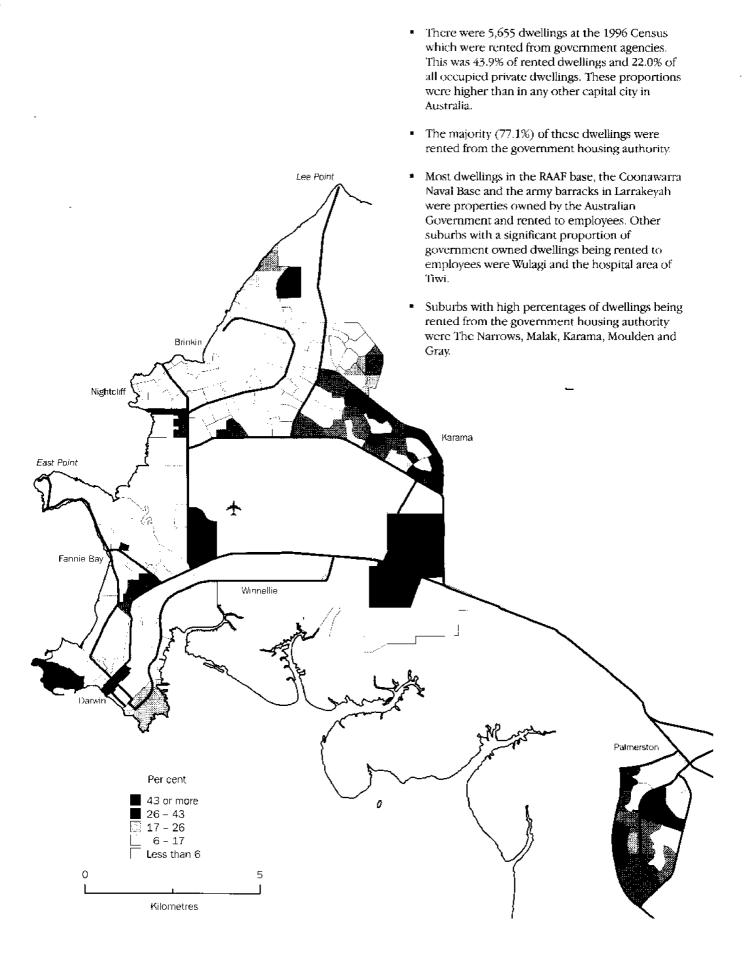
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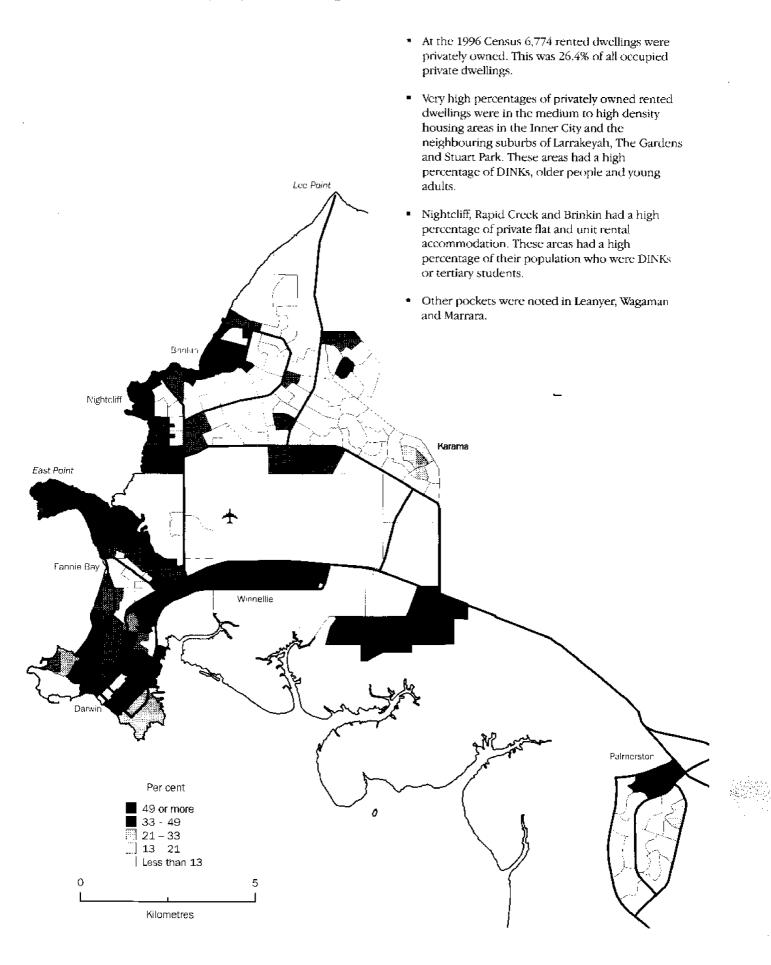
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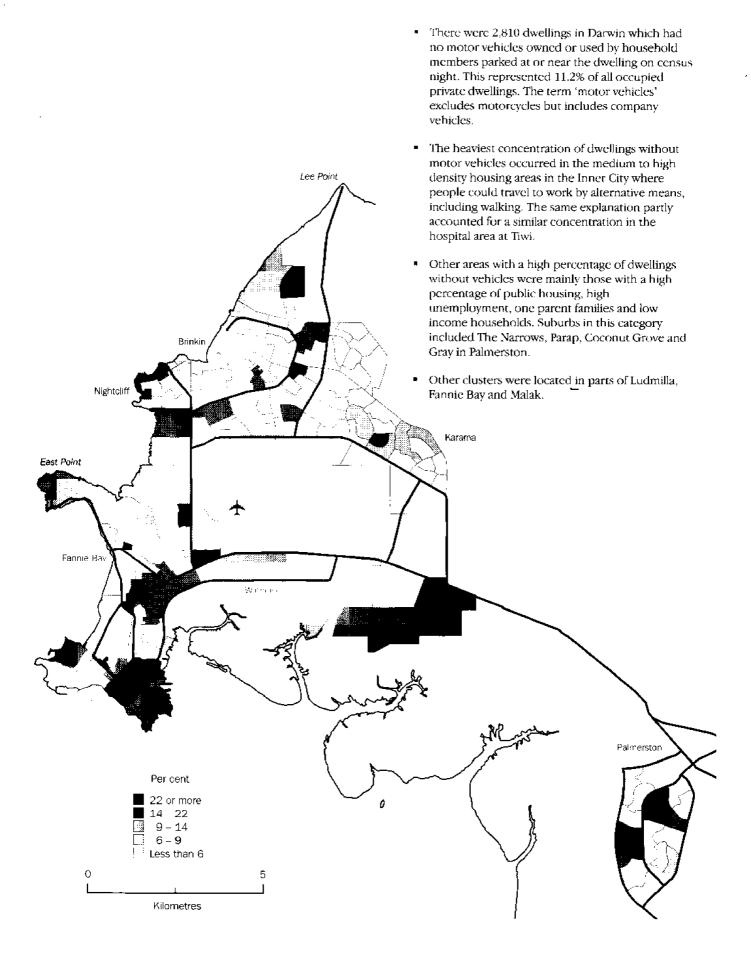
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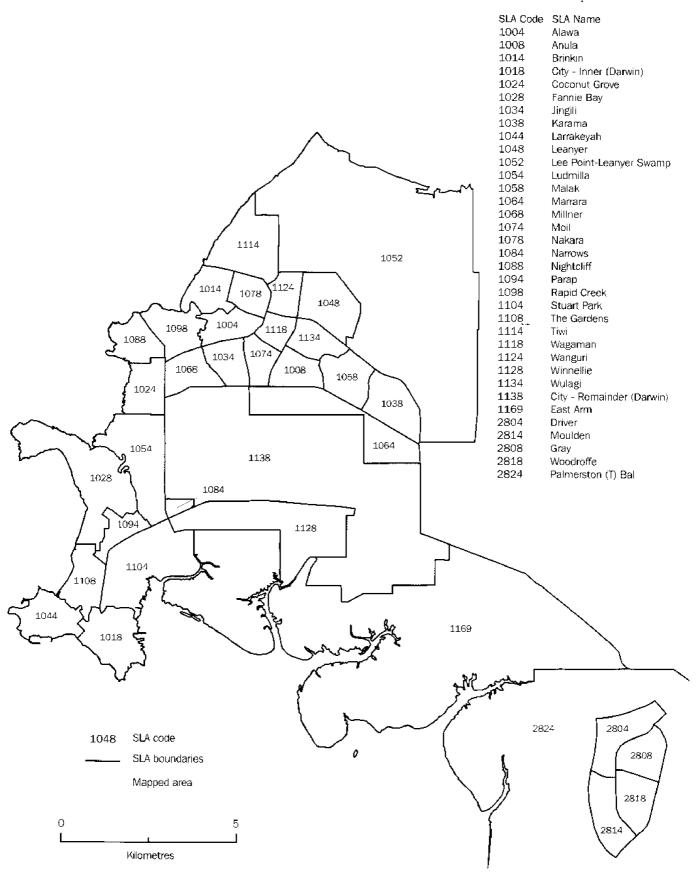


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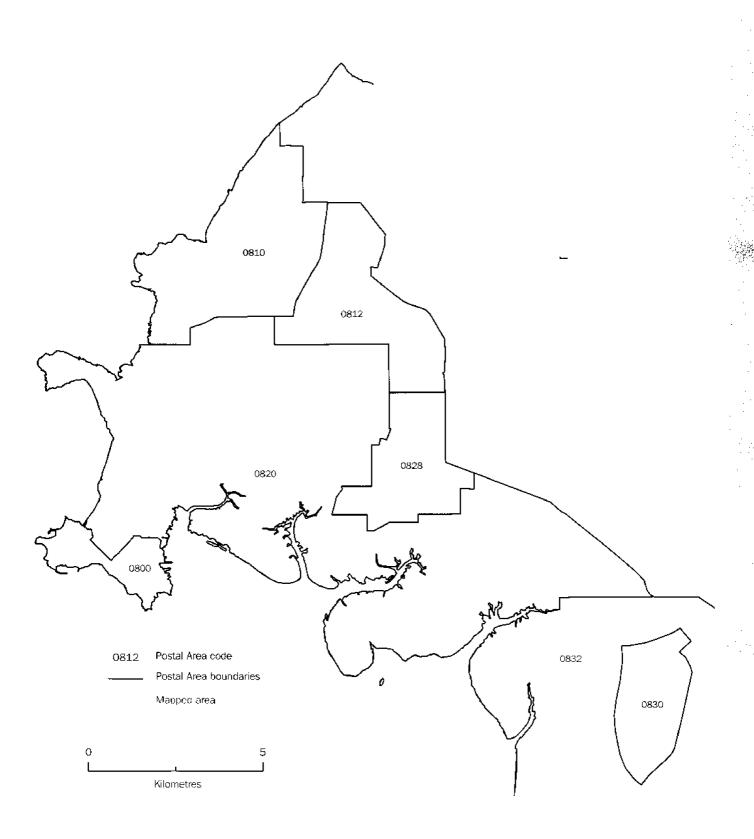
#### Statistical Local Areas

This map can be used to relate SLA boundaries to social and demographic characteristics shown on the maps in this atlas.



#### **Postal Areas**

These Postal Areas are derived from aggregations of 1996 Census collection district boundaries. They are not official Australia Post boundaries.



#### Locations

This map shows selected locations which have been mentioned in the commentaries which accompany the maps in this atlas.



#### Glossary

This Glossary contains information about some of the terms used in this atlas. More detailed information about these and other census terms can be found in the *1996 Census Dictionary* (Cat. no. 2901.0).

#### Collection district (CD)

The smallest geographic area used for collection and dissemination of data from the Census of Population and Housing. In urban areas there are usually between 200 and 300 dwellings in each CD.

CDs are redefined for each census and arc current only at census time. For the 1996 Census of Population and Housing there were 34,500 CDs covering the whole of Australia. CDs are amalgamated to form larger geographical areas such as statistical local areas.

Couple

For census purposes, a couple is either married or in a de facto relationship and usually resides in the same household. See also Family.

Dependent children

Children under 15 years of age, or children, in a family, aged 15–24 years who are full-time students and who have no partner or children of their own usually residing in the household. Dependent children include adopted children, step and foster children. See also Family.

DINKs

This acronym stands for 'double income, no kids'. In this atlas, a DINK is defined as a couple with no children present, where both partners are in paid employment more than 25 hours a week and the younger partner is aged under 40 years. See also Family.

Dwelling

A building or structure in which people live. This can be a house, flat, caravan or tent, humpy or park bench. Dwellings are classified as:

- occupied private dwellings;
- unoccupied private dwellings; or
- non-private dwellings.

See also Private dwelling; Non-private dwelling.

Employed persons

People aged 15 years and over who, during the week before census night, worked for payment or profit or as unpaid workers in a family business, or who had a job from which they were on leave or otherwise temporarily absent.

English (proficiency in the language)

People who indicated that they spoke a language other than English at home were asked to state how well they spoke English.

Because of the subjective nature of responses to this question in the Census, data on the levels of proficiency in English of people who speak a language other than English at home should be interpreted with care.

Family

Two or more persons, one of whom is at least 15 years of age, who are related by blood, marriage (registered or de facto), adoption, step or fostering and who are usually resident in the same household.

Household

A group of two or more related or unrelated people who usually reside in the same dwelling and make common provision for food and other essentials for living; or a person living alone.

Household income

Calculated by adding together all the individual incomes reported by household members. See also Income.

Income

People aged 15 years and over were asked to state their usual gross weekly income, which is all income before tax, superannuation, health insurance or other deductions are made. Gross income includes family allowance, family allowance supplement, pensions, unemployment benefits, student allowances, maintenance (child support), superannuation, wages, salary, overtime, dividends, rents received, interest received, business or farm income (less operation expenses) and workers' compensation received.

Labour force

Comprises people aged 15 years and over who worked for payment or profit, or as unpaid workers in a family business, during the week prior to census night; had a job from which they were on leave or otherwise temporarily absent; were on strike or stood down temporarily; or did not have a job but were actively looking for and available to start work.

Managers, administrators and professionals

These definitions follow the Australian Standard Classification of Occupations. *Managers and administrators* head government, industrial, agricultural, commercial and other establishments, organisations or departments within such organisations. They determine the policy of the establishment, organisation or department, and direct and coordinate its functioning, usually through subordinate managers. *Professionals* perform analytical, conceptual and creative tasks requiring a high level of intellectual ability and thorough understanding of an extensive body of theoretical knowledge. See also Occupation.

Medium or high density housing

Comprises semi-detached houses, row or terrace houses, villa units, townhouses, flats, home units and apartments.

Non-private dwelling

This is an establishment which provides a communal or transitory type of accommodation e.g. hotel, motel, prison, religious or charitable institution, defence establishment or hospital. Cared accommodation in retirement villages is included. See also Private dwelling.

Occupation

The ABS uses the Australian Standard Classification of Occupations to group employed people into occupations according to the set of tasks that is performed in their jobs. Occupation is collected in the Census for all employed people aged 15 years and over.

Occupied dwelling

Premises occupied by the household on census night. See also Private dwelling.

One parent family

Consists of a lone parent with at least one dependent child who is usually resident in the family household. The family may also include any number of other related individuals e.g. a sister of the lone parent. See also Family.

Own account worker

A person who operates their own unincorporated business or engages independently in a profession or trade and hires no employees. This category was called 'self-employed' in 1991.

Owner-occupied dwellings

A dwelling owned and occupied by a usual resident of the household. This category excludes those dwellings being purchased and those occupied under a life tenure scheme. See also Dwelling.

Private dwelling

Usually a house, flat or part of a house, but can also be a house attached to, or rooms above, shops or offices; an occupied caravan in a caravan park or on a residential allotment; a craft in a marina; a houseboat; or a tent if it is standing on its own block of land. Manufactured home estates and self-care units for the retired or aged are also treated as private dwellings. See also Non-private dwelling.

Public transport

This mode of travel to work is defined as travelling to work by train, bus, ferry or tram. It excludes travelling to work by car or taxi.

Qualifications

The highest level of qualification that the person has obtained since leaving school. University qualifications include bachelor degrees, higher degrees and postgraduate diplomas. The trade qualifications category refers to people holding a skilled vocational qualification. The 'People without qualifications' map includes a small number of people who have a qualification that is out of scope of the ABS Classification of Qualifications.

Rented dwellings

Households were asked whether they rented, owned or were purchasing the dwelling in which they were counted on census night. Households who were renting were also asked who they were renting from.

Southeast Asia

Includes Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Burma (Myanmar), Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam.

Statistical local area (SLA)

Consists of one or more collection districts. In aggregate, SLAs cover the whole of Australia without gaps or overlaps. They consist of a single local government area, or part thereof, or any unincorporated area.

Unemployed persons

For 1996 Census purposes, unemployed people are defined as those people aged 15 years and over who, in the week prior to census night, did not have a job but were actively looking for and available to start work.



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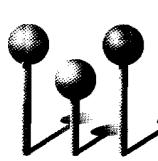
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