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 QUEENSLAND
 POPULATION ESTIMATES AND THE EFFECT OF CYCLONE TRACY
 DARWIN, JANUARY 1975

This publication brings together various counts of the population of Darwin before and after cyclone Tracy which devastated Darwin on Christmas Eve 1974. The publication takes into account the results of a special population count taken in Darwin and neighbouring areas on 2 January 1975. Details of the count will be published by the Population Census Branch.

Statistics of the evacuation and other post-cyclone data

2. The main source of information about the dispersal of the Darwin population immediately following the cyclone are lists of names and addresses of evacuees prepared at the time of the evacuation. The lists are incomplete as they exclude many of the people who left Darwin by car. The net dimensions of the evacuation, i.e. discounting people who returned to Darwin within a week of the disaster, can be estimated by comparing the pre-cyclone population with the results of a population count held on 2 January 1975. The population actually in Darwin thereafter can be estimated from statistics of movement into and out of Darwin derived from the emergency registration system operating from 10 January 1975. Persons arriving and departing are required to complete a form from which statistics can be compiled. For population estimates, persons indicating that they intend to stay in Darwin for six months or more, or that they expect to be away from Darwin for less than six months, are defined as residents, all others as visitors.

Howard Springs and Humpty Doo

3. Although these places lie outside the Greater Darwin Area it is convenient for the purposes of this publication to include them in the area designated as Darwin. In June 1971, there were 224 persons enumerated at Howard Springs and 115 at Humpty Doo. The figures for June 1973 were 975 and 127, respectively. The population enumerated for the two areas at 2 January 1975, was 1,373 persons.

Statistics subject to amendment

4. The statistics shown below for dates or periods subsequent to the cyclone may be amended in the light of additional information which may become available in the future.

TABLE 1. DARWIN (a) : ESTIMATED POPULATION
 JUNE 1971 TO FEBRUARY 1975

Date	Residents in Darwin (b)			Visitors in Darwin			Total in Darwin		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
30 June 1971 (c)	17,975	15,742	33,717	2,274	1,408	3,682	20,249	17,150	37,399
30 June 1973 (d)	20,094	18,566	38,660	3,400	1,900	5,300	23,494	20,466	43,960
30 June 1974 (d)	(e)	(e)	(e)	(c)	(c)	(c)	25,632	22,306	47,938
2 Jan. 1975 (d)	7,525	2,810	10,335	1,047	230	1,277	8,572	3,040	11,612
30 Jan. 1975	2,879	569	3,448	7,134	3,439	10,573	10,013	4,008	14,021
13 Feb. 1975	4,219	1,161	5,380	10,407	6,081	16,488	14,626	7,342	21,868

(a) Greater Darwin Area, Howard Springs and Humpty Doo. (b) See paragraph 2. (c) Population Census. (d) Population Count. (e) Not available.

TABLE 2. DARWIN EVACUEES BY FIRST DESTINATION, DECEMBER 1974 (a)

First destination	Males	Females	Persons
Elsewhere in Northern Territory	418	498	916
New South Wales	4,226	5,042	9,268
Victoria	1,242	1,482	2,724
Queensland	2,744	3,275	6,019
South Australia	3,678	4,389	8,067
West Australia	1,237	1,476	2,713
Tasmania	51	61	112
Australian Capital Territory	208	248	456
Overseas	39	46	85
Not Stated	601	717	1,318
Total	14,444	17,234	31,678

(a) Estimates based upon records of persons leaving by air and road after the cyclone. The numbers are possibly understated because of the difficulty of enumerating all people who left by car. See paragraph 2.

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